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Teresita J. Eldredge Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious English Language Specialist Project

The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Teresita J. Eldredge of New Jersey for a two months English Language Specialist project focusing on Incorporating Digital Literacy in Uzbekistan at Bukhara State University. Eldredge is part of a select group, as her project is one of 150 that the English Language Specialist Program supports each year.

Eldredge, a Fulbright Scholar and distinguished American educator will design and conduct a Needs Assessment to determine educators' digital literacy skills needs; create and collaborate in the development of the Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the English Linguistics Department to establish continuous professional growth through reflective teaching; and facilitate the implementation of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) supported by seminars and workshops on digital tools to enhance the learning, teaching and assessment of the English language at Bukhara State University.

The English Language Specialist Program is the premier opportunity for leaders in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, English Language Specialists work directly with local teacher trainers, educational leaders, and ministry of education officials to exchange knowledge, build capacity, and establish partnerships benefiting participants, institutions, and communities in the United States and overseas.

Since 1991, the English Language Specialist Program has supported in-country, virtual, and mixed projects in which hundreds of TESOL scholars and educators promote English language learning, enhance English teaching capacity, and foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchange. During their projects, English Language Specialists may conduct intensive teacher training, advise ministries of education or participate in high-level educational consultations, and offer plenary presentations at regional, national or international TESOL conferences. These projects are challenging and those selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers at home.

English Language Specialists are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Specialist Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

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