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### CĂTRE TOATE UNITĂȚILE DE ÎNVĂȚĂMÂNT DIN JUDEȚUL DOLJ

În atenția: Doamnei/Domnului Director  
Cadrelor didactice care predau disciplina limba engleză

#### Referitor la: APEL DE CANDIDATURI pentru cursurile OPEN, sesiunea de iarnă 2024

Ambasada S.U.A. are plăcerea să invite profesorii și inspectorii de limba engleză interesați să candideze la programul *Open Professional English Network (OPEN)* – sesiunea de iarnă, care constă din **10 cursuri online pentru profesorii de limba engleză**, organizate de diferite universități din S.U.A. **Lista cursurilor din programul OPEN și descrierea acestora se găsesc accesând linkurile de mai jos, sau în documentul atașat.**

Pentru iarnă, **România are alocate 5 locuri.** Cursurile vor începe pe 9 ianuarie și vor fi precedate de o sesiune obligatorie de orientare.

În măsura în care vor fi candidaturi meritorii mai multe decât cele 5 locuri disponibile, profesorii respectivi vor fi reținuți, cu acordul dumnealor, pentru a fi nominalizați în sesiunile următoare din 2024.

Profesorii de limba engleză interesați sunt rugați să trimită **documentele de candidatură la adresa de e-mail [VlaicuC@state.gov](mailto:VlaicuC@state.gov); data limită este 31 octombrie 2023.** Dosarul de candidatură trebuie să conțină:

1. o scrisoare de intenție;
2. CV-ul complet;
3. formularul Winter 2024 OPEN Application din documentul atașat completat, desigur toate acestea în limba engleză.

Doamna Cornelia Vlaicu (Cultural Affairs Assistant) va confirma fiecărui candidat primirea documentelor. Dacă un candidat nu primește confirmare, este rugat să o contacteze pe Doamna Cornelia Vlaicu la numărul de telefon 0722 351 275, pentru clarificare.

Informații despre programul **OPEN** se pot găsi la <https://www.openenglishprograms.org/front> - secțiunea Course Information - OPEN Global Online Course (GOC) Information | OPEN (openenglishprograms.org). Cei interesați sunt invitați să exploreze pagina programului pentru informații despre activități live, resurse pentru predarea limbii engleze etc.

Informații despre **condițiile generale de eligibilitate se găsesc la <https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/OPEN-Program> - Eligibility and Application Overview.**

Inspector Școlar General,  
Prof. dr. Daniel Alexandru ION

Inspector Școlar,  
Prof. dr. Corina VASILE





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## Academic Year 2023 - 2024 Global Program Information

Dear OPEN Participants,

Congratulations on being nominated by your Regional English Language Office or local U.S. embassy to take a Global Online Course through the U.S. Department of State's Online Professional English Network (OPEN) Program!

Please review important program and course information in this document.

### Important Dates for AY 2023-2024

Please note that these term labels are based on seasonal dates used in the United States. The season names may be different in your region.

Activity	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Registration Due	Aug. 7, 2023	Nov. 12, 2023	Feb. 19, 2024	May 13, 2024
Course Placement Confirmed	Aug. 18, 2023	Dec. 1, 2023	March 1, 2024	May 24, 2024
Orientation Begins	Aug. 21, 2023	Dec. 4, 2023	March 4, 2024	May 28, 2024
Orientation Ends	Sept. 15, 2023	Dec. 29, 2023	March 29, 2024	June 21, 2024
Course Begins	Sept. 26, 2023	Jan. 9, 2024	April 9, 2024	July 2, 2024
Course Ends	Nov. 20, 2023	March 4, 2024	June 3, 2024	Aug. 26, 2024
Certificates Available After	Dec. 8, 2023	March 22, 2024	June 21, 2024	Sept. 13, 2024



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## Nominee Registration Webinar Dates

Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Aug. 2, 2023	Nov. 8, 2023	Feb. 13, 2024	May 8, 2024

Nominee registration webinars are live events that cover important program information, the registration process, course login instructions, course policies, and tips for success. You will receive an email invitation with a link for the term webinar the week before the webinar. We hope to see you there! The most recent recording of one of these events is [here on the OPEN website](#).

### Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible, a participant must:

- ✓ **Be a citizen of and reside in the nominating country at the time of the course**
- ✓ Not hold dual citizenship in the United States
- ✓ Have the ability to complete academic work at a U.S. university level (an advanced level of reading and writing in English, roughly equivalent to CEFR B2)
- ✓ **Have at least 8-10 hours per week available to complete coursework**
- ✓ Have regular access to a reliable, internet-enabled device
- ✓ Have basic technology skills related to creating usernames and passwords, using credentials to log in to secured websites, using email, searching the internet, and accessing and managing electronic files

If you have been nominated for the program and don't meet one of the eligibility requirements, please email [opensupport@fhi360.org](mailto:opensupport@fhi360.org).

### IMPORTANT Registration Reminders

- Nominees must create an @openenglishprograms.org username to log in to the registration Portal ([nomination.openenglishprograms.org](https://nomination.openenglishprograms.org)).
- After completing the online registration form, you will be automatically redirected to OPEN's Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). You must log in with your OPEN username to complete registration.
- Participants must receive a confirmation of successful registration to be enrolled in a Global Online Course.

This will be sent to you via email from [donotreply@openenglishprograms.org](mailto:donotreply@openenglishprograms.org).

Please add that email to your list of contacts so that it does not go to your spam or junk mail.

To confirm that your registration is complete, please contact [opensupport@fhi360.org](mailto:opensupport@fhi360.org).



## Mandatory Orientation Course

Global Program participants are required to participate in the **self-paced**, mandatory Orientation Course. The Orientation Course will increase your confidence using the Canvas learning platform and provide important information to prepare you for your approved OPEN Program professional development course.

## Orientation Course Topics and Skills

- Navigating the Canvas LMS
- Citing sources in your assignments
- Responding to instructor feedback
- Learning about American academic culture
- Using Open Educational Resources
- Cascading new knowledge to others

## Drops and Withdrawals

We hope you are able to enroll in and complete the course. You were selected for this program because of your dedication to the field of education. However, if you need to drop or withdraw from the course, here are the guidelines and policies.

### How to drop before the course begins

If you wish to drop out of your professional development course **before** the course start date, please contact [opensupport@fhi360.org](mailto:opensupport@fhi360.org) to request to drop the course.

If you drop out before the course start date, you will remain eligible for future OPEN Program Global Online Course nomination.

### How to withdraw after the course begins

If you wish to withdraw from your professional development course **after** the course start date, you must contact [opensupport@fhi360.org](mailto:opensupport@fhi360.org) to formally request to withdraw from the course.

Withdrawal requests made after the course start date will be considered on an individual basis according to the OPEN Program withdrawal policy:

- **Eligible Withdrawals** - Extenuating circumstances such as illness, family death, hospitalization, natural disaster, government mandated training, military service.
- **Ineligible Withdrawals** - Time constraints, too many work commitments. Ineligible withdrawals are no longer eligible for future courses.



## Course Descriptions

Most participants will be able to select their top three choices for course enrollment and be placed in one of those top choices. Please see the list of courses with descriptions below. This information can also be found at <https://openenglishprograms.org/GOC> Information

### Course Titles

### Provider

- [Teaching Grammar Communicatively \(TGC\)](#)
- [Integrating Critical Thinking Skills into Exploration of Culture \(ICT\)](#)



- [Using Educational Technology in the English Language Classroom \(ET\)](#)
- [Developing and Teaching Academic Writing \(DATAW\)](#)

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- [Teaching English to Young Learners \(TEYL\)](#)



- [Professional Development for Teacher Trainers \(PDTT\)](#)
- [Creating and Implementing Online Courses \(CIOC\)](#)



- [TESOL Methodology \(TM\)](#)

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AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE

- [Fostering Student Motivation and Engagement \(FSME\)](#)



- [Teaching for the Future: English Teaching to Take on Climate Change \(TFF\)](#)

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UNIVERSITY

## OPEN Course Accessibility Information

OPEN courses are accessible to differently abled participants through a combination of features available in the LMS and common web browsers, and various instructional design approaches used to create OPEN courses.

- Canvas is accessible on mobile devices and tablets through a web browser. Please note that the Canvas app **cannot** be used to access OPEN's instance of Canvas.
- Canvas is compatible with screen readers, and Canvas tests new features with common screen reader and browser combinations. These optimal combinations along with other Canvas accessibility features are posted and updated in the Canvas Community: [What are the Canvas Accessibility Standards?](#)
- Some of the instructional design approaches include making sure there are alt text descriptions for images, providing scripts for videos, including closed captions for videos, using descriptive hyperlink language, providing written descriptions of infographics, ensuring there is adequate text color contrast, and making sure table set up is optimized for screen readers.



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## Certificate & Badge Eligibility

To earn a certificate and digital badge, participants must be in active "student" status in Canvas and earn a final score of **70%** or higher.



## Participant Virtual Graduation Ceremony Dates\*

Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Dec. 13, 2023	Mar. 28, 2024	Jun. 25, 2024	Sept. 19, 2024

\*Dates subject to change.

Participant virtual graduation ceremonies are live events for participants who successfully complete their OPEN course. Participants will receive an invitation closer to the ceremony date, after grades are confirmed.

## OPEN Community of Practice (CoP)

Participants who successfully complete OPEN courses will be invited to the CoP after the course ends. The CoP brings together OPEN alumni to continue their professional development and learning together. Participants can explore the Discussion Forum, Resource Library and join interest communities.

Login instructions to the CoP will be provided upon successful completion of an OPEN course.

## Program Contacts

If you need information about...	Contact	Email Address
Registration Help or Course Questions	FHI360 Support Team	opensupport@fhi360.org
Orientation Questions or Help	FHI360 Support Team	openorientation@fhi360.org
Certificate Questions (after successfully completing the course)	Your Nominator at the Regional English Language Office or Local U.S. Embassy	*Email addresses will vary.
Accessing the Community of Practice	FHI360 Alumni Team	openalumni@fhi360.org





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*Online Courses  
for Teachers*

## WINTER 2024 OPEN PROGRAM APPLICATION

**DEADLINE: October 31, 2023; e-mail: VlaicuC@state.gov; cell: 0722 351 275**

Name <i>(As listed on passport)</i>			
	<i>Given Name</i>	<i>(Middle Name)</i>	<i>Family Name</i>
Country of Residence			
Are you a citizen of your country of residence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be living in your country during the OPEN course?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email Address <i>(Please use your own email address.)</i>			
Phone Number <i>[country code][area code] [local number]</i>	For example, [1][555][1234567]		
Term	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter 2024 <i>(January 9, 2024, start date; Orientation available December 4 – 29, 2023)</i>		

### What do you do? *(Check as many boxes as apply)*

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-service Teacher (Primary)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Education Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-service Teacher                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-service Teacher                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tutor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Developer           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Access Microscholarship Program Teacher       | <input type="checkbox"/> University Professor/Lecturer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Access Microscholarship Program Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |

### Which OPEN courses do you want to take? *(Rank your top 3 choices 1 – 3)*

See more information on each of these courses here: <https://www.openenglishprograms.org/GOC> Information

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| ___ Developing and Teaching Academic Writing (DATAW)     | ___ Teaching Grammar Communicatively (TGC)          |
| ___ Integrating Critical Thinking Skills (ICT)           | ___ TESOL Methodology (TM)                          |
| ___ Professional Development for Teacher Trainers (PDTT) | ___ Using Educational Technology (ET)               |
| ___ Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL)            | ___ Teaching for the Future (TEF)                   |
| ___ Fostering Student Engagement and Motivation (FSME)   | ___ Creating and Implementing Online Courses (CIOC) |

<b>Please assess your present English language proficiency. (select one)</b>			
Understanding of written English	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Expressing yourself in written English	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair

<b>Please respond to the following questions by selecting one of the boxes.</b>	
I have taken an online course before	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I have regular and reliable access to high-speed internet connection.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I commit to spending 10 to 12 hours online each week for the duration of the 8-week course to participate in this course.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Statement of Purpose:** Please explain your reasons for wanting to participate in the courses you selected. What impact will your participation in this program have on your institution, or region, and how do you expect to use the knowledge acquired in this course?

How will you share the information you will learn with your colleagues after the completion of the course? <i>(Check as many boxes as apply)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Informal discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing of resources <input type="checkbox"/> Other

<b>Please assess your computer skill level. (select one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
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**Questions? Contact us:**  
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 e-mail: [VlaicuC@state.gov](mailto:VlaicuC@state.gov)

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2023**