



# Summer 2024 Internship Afghan Refugee Youth Literacy Program



Alexandria's West End is home to the largest concentration of newly arrived Afghan refugees in Virginia. Since the evacuation of Kabul in 2021, hundreds of Afghan families have been resettled in the area. Northern Virginia Resettling Afghan Families Together (NOVA RAFT), Fresh Start Refugee Assistance Center, and George Mason University's Afghan Refugee Mentorship Program (GMU ARMP) have formed a dynamic partnership with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) allowing us to serve the highest need middle and high school students.

Started in June of 2023, our youth literacy program has served over 100 middle and high school students reading at, or below, the second grade level. Many students were learning the English alphabet when they joined the program and have made years of progress in just 10 months. In addition to providing basic literacy instruction, our program also provides targeted academic support for the high school students in math and history, making it possible for many of them to meet graduation requirements as they learn English.

## Internship Overview

This summer internship will consist of tutoring English, math, and other academic subjects to Afghan refugee middle and high school students in the Alexandria West neighborhood. As an intern, you will deliver instructions and help coordinate activities for the literacy program and educational outings. This is a unique opportunity to gain experience working with refugees, learning about a new culture, and developing new skills teaching literacy and mentoring youth. We verify community service hours or complete evaluations needed for volunteer's academic programs.

## Responsibilities

- Commit to at least four weekly class sessions delivering literacy instruction to middle or high school students
- Demonstrate leadership within a designated group
- Communicate effectively to resolve issues in a multicultural environment
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Team work: Collaboration with colleagues, administrators, and students
- Organize lessons and activities

## Qualifications

- MUST agree to join the Afghan Refugee Mentorship Program GMU as an ambassador in Fall 2024
- Dari and Pashto speakers (preferred but not required)

- Training or experience teaching ESL or another subject (preferred but not required)

## Summer Schedule

Programs	Details
Training	Week of June 17, 2024
Program Dates	Starts June 24th and end August 8th
<i>Day Classes</i>	<i>Location:</i> John Adams Elementary School, 5651 Rayburn Ave, Alexandria, VA 22311  <i>Day and times:</i> Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 2pm to 4pm  (Free parking is available on site)
<i>Evening and Saturday Classes</i>	<i>Location:</i> William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria, VA  <i>Days and times:</i> Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6 PM to 8 PM   Saturdays - 11 AM to 1 PM.  (Free parking is available on site)
<i>Educational Outings</i>	Field trips and non-academic activities will be held on <i>Fridays or weekends</i> to accommodate students in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Accessible through public transportation and parking on site.

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Applications must be received by 11:59 pm ET on May 18, 2024, for a guaranteed review.