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**Texas A & M Commerce Student Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious Virtual English Language Teaching Fellowship**

A Texas A & M Commerce student has been selected for a Fellowship project teaching English in Costa Rica.

Ms. Lubin is one of only 170 U.S. citizens selected for the 2020-2021 Virtual English Language Fellow Program.

Ms. Lubin is teaching training courses to improve the communicative language ability of in-service teachers and enhance their teaching practices at Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje (INA).  She is also facilitating a virtual English conversation club at INA and enhancement activities at the FundaTec Virtual Access program.

The English Language Fellow Program is the premier opportunity for experienced TESOL practitioners to influence the way English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, fellows work directly with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities and other academic institutions.

Ms. Lubin holds a master’s degree in Christian Education with an emphasis in leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary and a master’s in public administration degree from Florida International University. She received her master certificate in TESOL from Texas A & M University- Commerce. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in Higher Education with an emphasis in TESOL from Texas A&M University-Commerce. She teaches ESOL courses at Dallas College, Mountain View Campus.

Prior to the fellowship placement, Ms. Lubin has worked in the field of English as a second language education as an ESL and ESOL teacher for over twelve years. She is currently conducting teacher training and is participating in and presenting at regional conferences.

The Fellow Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.