

Cohort 2026

The Online TAFL Coaching Program



A unique and highly interactive group coaching program for those who wish to polish their teaching skills, and learn how to become more effective and engaging in their Arabic classroom. The first TAFL coaching program of its kind. Designed and conducted by Dr. Laila Familiar.

TOGETHER WE WILL LEARN TO

- Build strong and inclusive classroom communities that build psychological safety and a sense of belonging
- Utilize principles of psychology and neuroscience to facilitate Arabic language learning and build teacher's confidence
- Implement backward design methodology in curriculum development and instructional unit creation
- Distinguish between language fluency and accuracy activities, and achieve balance between both
- Implement strategies that develop integrated language skills
- Train learners for intercultural competence & communication appropriateness
- Leverage technology & AI tools to design tasks & lesson plans
- Develop diverse assessment methods that measure various aspects of student language performance
- Manage time efficiently to achieve professional balance and personal well-being

GUEST SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP FACILITATORS



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Program's Structure

- Weekly live sessions with Dr. Laila Familiar
- Monthly guest speakers & workshop facilitators
- Private social media groups to consult peers & facilitator
- Curated list of inspiring readings & resources
- Collaborative and supportive community of Arabic teachers
- Hands-on tasks and activities
- Monthly live office hours
- **FREE** booklet with exercises & prompts
- **BONUS:** Monthly meetings during Spring 2026!

Cohort Size

- Cohorts are limited to 10 participants to ensure maximum interaction and benefit. **APPLY NOW!**

Dates and Times

- 10 January – 9 May 2026
- Every Saturday at 4-6:30 PM Abu Dhabi time
- **Total: 45 live hours + office hours**

*No sessions will be held on the following days: February 7, March 14, March 21, April 11



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FAQ

• Who can apply for the program?

The Spring 2025 is exclusively open for university-level and high school teachers of Arabic as a second language.

• What language is used for content delivery?

An intermediate form of Arabic between MSA and اللهجة البيضاء , and English.

• What platform is used for the meetings?

Live sessions, office hours, and workshops will take place on Zoom. Participants must use a computer with the latest Zoom version.

• Are cameras required during sessions?

To ensure that everyone is fully engaged and included in this community, we ask that participants keep their cameras on. If you are uncomfortable interacting with colleagues on camera, or you can't commit to this requirement, this program is not for you.

• Are sessions going to be recorded?

No. But key materials and activities will be shared in case you have to miss a session.

• When is payment due?

27th of December, 2025. Enrollment is limited to 10 teachers.

• Is there a cancellation policy?

Cancellation 7-13 days before the start date: 50% refund
Less than 7 days before start: No refund

• Are training certificates provided?

Training certificates are available for those who request it. To receive the certificate, you must attend at minimum 12 out of 14 sessions.

• How do I register?

Send an email to contact@lailafamiliar.com or click on the link at the bottom of the flyer.

Sponsors



Funding & Scholarships

- University-level educators from economically disadvantaged countries are encouraged to apply for the program. This initiative provides up to 75% tuition fee reduction for one qualified teacher.
- Arabic teachers at state-funded secondary schools in North America, Europe, or the UK can apply for Qatar Foundation International's Teacher Professional Development Grants. More info at <https://www.qfi.org/grants/>.

Designed for Educators Who

- Teach Arabic as a World Language
- Want to innovate in their classroom
- Seek inspiration & connection
- Care about professional growth

Investment

USD 930 Covering sessions, workshops, booklet, resources, support and fun!

