



Project 2022

FEMALE EXECUTIVES

Head of the Human Resources and Documentation Department

Narmin Afandiyeva (born December 18, 1994, Agstafa) is a legal professional and administrative specialist with experience in the civil service and higher education administration.

She received her secondary education in Surgut, Russian Federation, between 2002 and 2013. In 2013, she was admitted to the Faculty of Law at Tyumen State University, from which she graduated in 2017 with a degree in Law.

In 2021, she participated in the civil service recruitment competition organized by the State Examination Center of Azerbaijan and successfully passed the interview for the position of Court Session Secretary at the Agstafa Court. She was appointed to this position on June 4, 2021, initially on an internship basis, followed by an initial trial period.

On March 11, 2022, after successfully completing the required stages of civil service, she was awarded the rank of Junior Civil Servant and was permanently appointed as Court Session Secretary at the Agstafa Court. On March 11, 2024, she was promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Civil Servant. On November 18, 2024, she resigned from her position at the Agstafa Court upon her own request.

From January 27, 2025, she worked as a Strategic Development Specialist of the International Department at Lankaran State University. She currently works as the Head of the Human Resources and Documentation Department, contributing to institutional administration and organizational development.



Head of the Protocol Department (Office Director – Assistant to the Rector)



Lale Nasirova (born January 4, 1999, Lankaran) is an academic administrator with a background in mathematics education and university governance.

She graduated from Lankaran State University with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science Education in 2021 and a Master's degree in Mathematics Teaching Methodology in 2023.

In 2021 - 2023, she worked as an Informatics teacher at a secondary school in Lerik, gaining practical experience in teaching and educational practice. In September 2023, she started to work at Lankaran State University as a Specialist in Graduate Studies. In April 2024, she was appointed Acting Head of the Human Resources and Documentation Department, followed by her role as Deputy Head of the same department in December 2024.

Since January 5, 2026, she has been working as Head of the Protocol Department (Office Director and Assistant to the Rector), contributing to institutional coordination, administrative management, and executive support.

She is the author of several academic theses.

Head of the Department of Science and Innovation

Ulkar Babayeva (born January 9, 1992, Turkekaran village, Lankaran) is an academic specializing in geocology, with experience in research, teaching, and academic administration.

She graduated from Secondary School No. 7 in Lankaran in 2009 and was admitted to Lankaran State University, majoring in Geography Teaching. She completed her bachelor's degree in 2013 and, in the same year, was admitted to the master's program at LSU, specializing in Physical Geography of Azerbaijan, which she completed in 2016. In that year, she was admitted to the doctoral (PhD) program in Geocology at Lankaran State University.

During her studies, she worked as a laboratory assistant at the Department of History and Methods of Teaching, and later as a specialist and senior specialist in the Science and Research Department. She also worked as a lecturer and doctoral researcher at the Department of Biology and Ecology.

On October 14, 2022, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on the topic “ “Ecological and geographical problems associated with natural resource utilization in the Lankaran physical-geographical region and their solutions.”

She currently works as Head of the Science and Innovation Department at Lankaran State University and also works as a part-time Associate Professor at the Department of Geography and Methods of Teaching Geography.

Ulkar Babayeva is the author of 28 scientific publications. She is married and has one child.



▶ Head of International Cooperation Department



Gunel Mammadova is an academic and administrator specializing in language education, linguistics, and international cooperation.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in English Language Teaching from Azerbaijan University of Languages and a Master's degree in Primary School Teaching from Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Comparative-Historical and Comparative-Typological Linguistics at Lankaran State University, as well as a degree in International Relations at Cappadocia University.

She began her professional career as a tutor in 2016–2017 and has been working as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Foreign Languages since 2017. Since January 2023, she has held the position of Head of the International Cooperation Department at Lankaran State University.

Gunel Mammadova is the author of more than 20 scientific publications and actively participates in international projects and Erasmus+ Programme initiatives. She regularly represents the university at international events and training programs across Europe, including Spain, Belgium, and Türkiye.

Head of the Strategic Development and Rankings Office

Nuri Billura (born in Bilasuvar, Azerbaijan) is an academic and administrator specializing in English language teaching, project management, and international academic cooperation.

She completed her secondary education and, in 2007, was admitted to Lankaran State Humanitarian College, where she studied English Language Teaching (2007–2011). She continued her undergraduate studies in the same field at Lankaran State University from 2012 to 2016.

In 2016 - 2023, she worked as an English language instructor at Lankaran Medical College. She obtained her Master's degree in Philology (Linguistics – English) from Lankaran State University in 2018 - 2020. In 2022, she was admitted to the doctoral program in Comparative-Historical and Comparative-Typological Linguistics at the Department of General Linguistics of Baku State University.

in 2023 - 2025, she worked as a Project Management Specialist at the International Cooperation Department of Lankaran State University. In this role, she managed Erasmus+ Programme projects (ECAR and REFRESH), participated in international training programs and project meetings, organized information sessions on study abroad opportunities and EU-funded initiatives, coordinated outgoing students, and represented the university at national and international events.

In 2025, she was appointed as a Rankings Specialist (Head of the Working Group), and since January 2026, she has been working as the Head of the Strategic Development and Rankings Division at Lankaran State University. Concurrently, she holds a part-time (0.5 FTE) position as an English language instructor at the Department of Foreign Languages. She is the author of one research work, six conference papers, and six academic articles. She holds internationally recognized TEFL and TESOL certifications, demonstrating her expertise in English language teaching and international academic engagement. Additionally, she has completed professional training in Human Resource Management and Project Management and has been awarded certificates by the International Education Research Certification Center (IEEC).



Director of the Center for Tutoring Services and Student Assessment

Nazrin Huseynli was born in 1992 in Lankaran. She graduated from Secondary School No. 2 in 2009 and was admitted to Lankaran State University, majoring in Geography Education, completing her bachelor's degree in 2013.

In 2014, she enrolled in the master's program in Tourism and Social-Cultural Service at Lankaran State University and graduated in 2016. In 2020, she was admitted to the doctoral program specializing in Physical Geography and Biogeography, Soil Geography, and the Geophysics and Geochemistry of Landscapes.

In 2016 -2023, she worked as a tutor, and later worked as Head of the Registration, Assessment and Continuing Education Division, and as Head of the Department for Tutoring Services and Student Assessment. She currently works as the Director of the Center for Tutoring Services and Student Assessment.



Head of Quality Assurance Department



Sevar Ahmadova (born February 9, 1975, Lankaran) is an experienced educator with over 30 years of pedagogical practice and extensive expertise in academic administration and quality assurance in higher education.

She graduated from the Faculty of Geography at Baku State University in 1996. She has worked as a teacher at various educational institutions, including Secondary School No. 1 in Lankaran and Lankaran State Humanitarian College, where she also served as an internship supervisor.

She has held several managerial positions at Lankaran State University, including Head of the Agrarian-Technological Department and Head of the Teaching Organization, Registration, Assessment and Continuing Education Office. Since the 2025–2026 academic year, she has been working as the Head of the Quality Assurance Department.

Throughout her career, she has received numerous awards and certificates and has actively participated in national and international training programs and seminars in the fields of education and quality assurance. She is married and has two children.

Dean of the Faculty of History, Geography and Arts

Afag Gasimova (born in 1961, Ganja) is a distinguished educator and academic administrator with extensive experience in higher education, academic leadership, and curriculum development.

She graduated with a degree in History from Ganja State Pedagogical Institute in 1983. She began her professional career in 1981 as a laboratory assistant at M. Ganjavi Pedagogical College, laying the foundation for her long-standing commitment to academic service.

Throughout her career, she has held a range of teaching and administrative positions at Ganja Music College and Ganja State University, where she worked as Deputy Dean and Head of the Department of History. Her academic and organizational contributions have significantly supported the development of teaching quality and academic programs.

In 2008, she was awarded the academic title of Associate Professor. In 2009, she received an honorary certificate from the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan in recognition of her contributions to the training of highly qualified specialists.

Between 2010 and 2012, she worked as Deputy Director for Academic Affairs at the Ganja branch of the Azerbaijan Teachers' Institute. In 2017, she continued her academic activity as an Associate Professor at Baku Slavic University.

Since October 18, 2023, she has been working as the Dean of the Faculty of History, Geography, and Arts, where she continues to contribute to institutional development, academic excellence, and the advancement of higher education.



Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management



Gulbeniz Aliyeva was born in 1967 in Baku. She graduated with honors from Baku State University's "Engineering Economics" faculty in 1989. In 1995, she defended her PhD thesis on cooperation efficiency in Azerbaijan's oil machinery industry. She has 27 years of teaching experience and has held positions from lecturer to associate professor at Azerbaijan State University of Economics.

She served as deputy dean and scientific secretary of the Faculty of International Economic Relations and Marketing, and later as head of the "International Economics" department. She has authored over 50 articles and theses in various economic fields and has actively participated in numerous national and international conferences.

From July 2017 to September 2018, she was head of the "Economics and Marketing" department, contributing to curriculum development for undergraduate and graduate programs. She has lectured abroad in Türkiye under exchange programs, including Beykent and Kocaeli Universities.

She has received multiple awards, including the "Advanced Education Worker" medal from the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan and honorary certificates from Lankaran State University. Since September 3, 2018, she has been working as the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management. She is married and has two children.

Deputy Dean for Social Affairs and Student Affairs

Shafa Baghirova (born in 1987, Astanli, Neftchala) is an academic specializing in econometrics and economic statistics, with experience in both research and higher education administration.

She graduated with a degree in Mathematics from Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University in 2009 and completed her Master's degree in Differential Equations at Lankaran State University. In 2021, she was awarded a PhD in Econometrics and Economic Statistics by the ED2.10 Dissertation Council at Azerbaijan State University of Economics.

In 2010 - 2012, she worked as a Laboratory Assistant and Researcher at Lankaran State University. In 2013 - 2018, she worked as a Researcher at the Institute of Information Technology of ANAS, where she contributed to research in information technologies and applied statistical methods.

She is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Innovative Management and serves as Deputy Dean for Social and Student Affairs at the Faculty of Economics and Management. In addition, she is the Chair of the Student Scientific Society of the faculty and a member of the university Trade Union.

Shafa Baghirova is the author of five scholarly articles and more than twenty-five conference theses. She is married and has two children.



Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Engineering Sciences



Vusala Muradova was born on June 20, 1977, in Lankaran. In 1994, she graduated from Secondary School No. 4 in Lankaran. In 1994, she was admitted to the Faculty of Informatics and Computer Engineering at Odlar Yurdu University and successfully completed her higher education in 1998. In the same year, she began her professional career as an operator at the ICT Center of Lankaran State University.

In 2001, she started her master's studies at Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University and in 2003 obtained a Master's degree in "Automated Systems of Information Processing and Management."

From 2003 to 2012, she worked as a lecturer at the Department of Information Technologies of Lankaran State University. Since 2014, she has been working as a Senior Lecturer. From 2014 to 2017, she completed full-time postgraduate studies at the same university.

In 2021, she defended her dissertation entitled "Models and Tools for Expert Evaluation of Knowledge Quality in Distance Learning Systems" and obtained the academic degree of Candidate of Technical Sciences. She is the author of 27 scientific articles and one methodological manual. Her scientific papers have been presented at international conferences held in Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and Türkiye, and two of her articles have been indexed in the Scopus scientometric database.

From 2015 to 2017, she completed advanced professional training under the program "Organization of Distance Education in Educational Institutions."

In 2018, she worked as the Director of the Cultural and Educational Center operating under the Ukrainian-Azerbaijani Friendship Society. Currently, she works as the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Engineering Sciences at Lankaran State University. She is also a full-time Associate Professor at the Department of Technology and Technical Sciences of Lankaran State University.

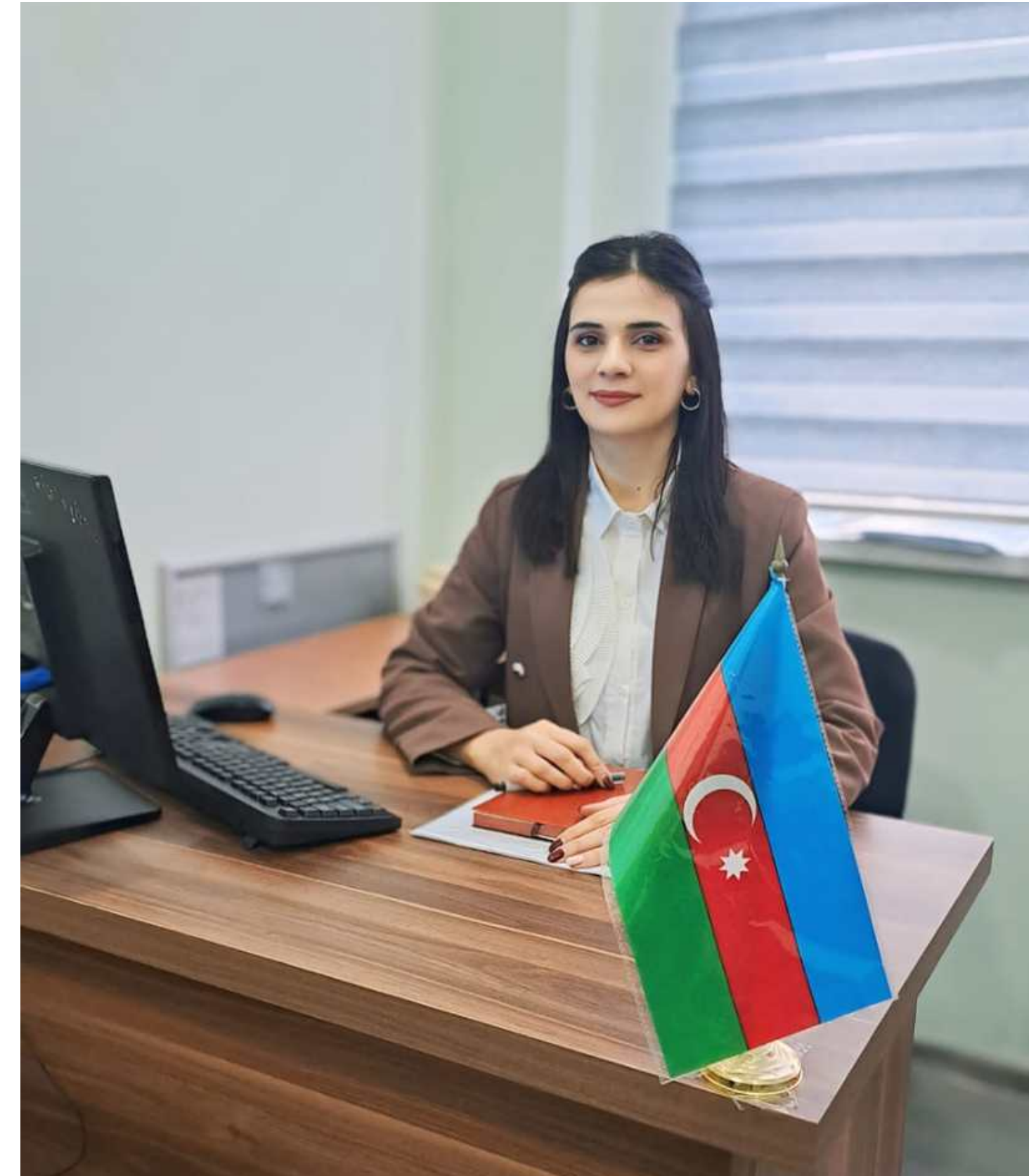
Deputy Dean of the Faculty of History-Geography and Arts

Jamila Ibrahimova (born on November 23, 1992, Turkekaran village, Lankaran District, Azerbaijan) is an academic and educator specializing in foreign language teaching and linguistics.

She was admitted to Lankaran State University in 2010, majoring in Foreign Language Teaching (English), and completed her bachelor's degree in 2014. Between 2017 and 2019, she pursued a master's degree at the same institution in the specialization of Methodology and Methods of Foreign Language Teaching, graduating with distinction.

From 2014 to 2021, she held positions as a laboratory assistant and operator-clerk at Lankaran State University. Since the 2020–2021 academic year, she has been working as an English language instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages. In 2024, she was admitted to the doctoral program in Comparative-Historical and Comparative-Typological Linguistics at Lankaran State University.

She currently works as Deputy Dean for Social Affairs at the Faculty of Philology and Primary Education. Her teaching courses such as Foreign Language Skills (Levels 3–6) and Business and Academic Communication in English. She is the author of six scientific articles and theses.



Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agrarian and Engineering Sciences



Shabina Niftullayeva (born September 14, 1990, Lankaran) is an academic specializing in differential equations, with experience in higher education teaching and academic administration.

She graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics at Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University in 2011 and completed her Master's degree in Differential Equations at Sumgayit State University in 2013. She pursued her doctoral studies in Differential Equations at Lankaran State University between 2014 and 2018 and successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in 2025.

In 2013 - 2017, she held various academic and administrative positions at Lankaran State University, including Senior Laboratory Assistant, Junior Researcher, Head of Office Administration, and HR/Clerical Specialist, gaining substantial experience in both academic support and institutional operations.

She is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics. In addition, she works as Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agrarian and Engineering Sciences, contributing to academic management and faculty development.

Head of Public Relations and Press Service

Esmira Ismayilova (born 1963, Xolmili, Lankaran) is an experienced journalist, scholar, and public relations specialist.

She graduated with honors from the Faculty of Journalism at Azerbaijan State University in 1987. She worked in leading media organizations and at the Lankaran Culture and Tourism Department before joining Lankaran State University in 2017 as Head of Public Relations and Press Service.

Since 2024, she has been engaged in teaching and research activities as a Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in the Department of Pedagogy, Psychology, and Arts. In 2021, she completed her PhD in Azerbaijani Literature with a dissertation entitled “National Memory and Its Expression in the Native-Language Poetry of Mohammad-Hossein Shahriar.” In 2024, she was awarded the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Philology.

Esmira Ismayilova is the author of several books and more than 50 scientific articles, as well as hundreds of literary and journalistic publications. She is a member of the Azerbaijan Journalists Union and has received numerous awards, including media prizes, honorary certificates, and the “150th Anniversary of Azerbaijani National Press” medal.

She is married and has children.



Head of Printing Services



Maila Huseynzade (born February 21, 1992, in Lankaran) is a skilled professional in digital communication, project management, and publishing. She holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science (2016) and a master's degree in Methodology and Teaching of Informatics (2025) from Lankaran State University.

She has professional experience as Social Media and Marketing Manager at Medican Hospital and has authored a book for the hospital's 10th anniversary. Since 2018, she has worked at Lankaran State University in roles including Laboratory Assistant, Analytical Project Manager, and currently serves as Head of Printing Services .

She has actively participated in national and international projects and received multiple awards and certificates. She is married and has two children.

Head of the Library Department

Aygun Guliyeva is a library science professional with extensive experience in library management and information services.

She graduated from Baku State University in 1993 with a degree in Library Science and Bibliography. She began her professional career in 1985 as a Library Manager at Branch No. 82 of the MKS (Centralized Library System).

From 1993 to 1995, she served as Director of the Library at Lankaran State University. Between 2000 and 2022, she worked as a librarian in the Centralized Library System of Frunze, Saint Petersburg, where she was awarded three honorary certificates by the Frunze Department of Culture. In 2014, she participated in the professional development course of the IRBIS-6 project and received a certificate.

Since 2026, she has been serving as the Head of the Library Department at Lankaran State University.

