# Madina Bekisheva

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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA,**                                                                          *Jan 2024 – May 2025*
Graduate Certificate program, International Law

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA,**                                                                          *Aug 2023 – May 2028*
PhD, Political Science and International Affairs

**NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY,**                                                                        *Aug 2019 – Jun 2023*
B.A., Political Science and International Relations

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT**,                                                          *Aug 2023 – …*
*Principal Investigator: Andrew P. Owsiak*
- Conducting qualitative data collection on the history of diplomatic relations among Latin American states
- Summarizing recent publications and identifying ongoing debates in international conflict/peace studies

**IELTS/SAT INSTRUCTOR,**                                                                          *Jan – Aug 2023*
*Global Student Center*
- Developed and implemented an original curriculum for SAT preparation
- Organized workshops and peer-review sessions to enhance students' grasp of academic writing

**INTERN WRITING CENTER TUTOR,**                                                            *Jan – Aug 2023*
*Nazarbayev University*
- Tutored undergraduate/graduate students along with the other faculty members for 4 hours a week

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT INTERN,**                          *Mar – May 2022*
*Astana Hub*
- Organized an official visit of representatives of Astana Hub with ministers of RK to Turkey

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**,                                                                              *Jan – May 2022*
*CoronaNet Research Project*
- Collected data on  government response to COVID-19 across regions in Russian Federation; coded and cleaned around 200 data entries

**ENGLISH TUTOR,**                                                                                        *Jan 2019 – May 2022*
*SkyEng*
- Prepared over 100 students for IELTS, TOEFL and the Unified State Exams in Russia and Germany

**LEGAL INTERN,**                                                                                          *Nov – Dec 2021*
*Astana International Financial Center Court*
- Drafted 7 case briefs by outlining relevant case information and interpreting court's holdings
- Conducted legal research on a breach of international purchase agreements and settlement agreements between a local and an international private company

**HR INTERN,**                                                                                              *Jan – Jul 2021*
*Kazakh Invest*
- Went through 10 recruiting processes and interviews with 10 potential candidates
- Assisted in conducting an employee turnover data analysis by performing data visualization in Python
- Participated in administering a team building event for nearly 300 employees

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

**LANGUAGES:** English - Fluent, Russian, Kazakh - Native, Korean - Intermediate
**PROGRAMMING**: Microsoft Office Suite, R, Python -  Proficient,
JavaScript, HTML/CSS, LaTeX - Basic

## HONORS

Dean's Honor List (2x), Nazarbayev University National Grant (worth 92,000 U.S. Dollars),
Thomas P. and M. Jean Lauth Graduate Fellowship