Soleen Ghahraman is from Boston, USA where she is in her final year completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Sciences with a focus in nutrition at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She will graduate with her degree in Fall 2019.

In the summer of 2019, she completed an internship at the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) HQ office in Geneva, Switzerland. This experience seamlessly combined her interests in public health nutrition and oral health. Soleen sees awareness as a global concern in many areas (like the importance of integrating oral health to overall health and strategizing diet habits as an approach to optimize oral health) that pose an unacceptable risk to dental public health. What attracts her to working with the Oral Health Working Group is her strong interest in facilitating and supporting information that people need to know so they can stay healthy and increase awareness on the need to tackle oral health problems.

As the President of the Public Health Club at her university, she launched an oral hygiene campaign encouraging students and the university community to develop healthy oral health habits. Soleen has previously worked at Boston’s Museum of Science, engaging with their youth audience to deliver science education and design and pilot scientific educational experiences. Facilitated by her multilingual abilities, she has found it natural to connect with people of different ethnicities across the globe and understood that a global perspective and tailoring tone and style to match the audience is necessary for improving healthcare worldwide.

She envisions herself heartily engaging with WFPHA’s Oral Health Working Group through its remarkable global network to further strengthen her skills, network, and culture.