



Higher Ed Afghan Response and Advocacy: Rapid Response Action & Information Briefing

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Context & Current State of Play



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New University in Exile Consortium

Global Consortium of 35 universities and colleges with the mission to create a supportive intellectual community for exiled, endangered scholars hosted at our member schools in the U.S., Canada, Germany, France, Jordan and South Africa.

Supporting Afghan Scholars, Students & Artists:

Scholars: We expect Consortium schools to host 20-30 endangered Afghan scholars who will be welcomed into the Consortium's supportive intellectual community of exiled scholars.

- Fellowship (approx. \$50,000)

Students: We are trying to help place 148 Afghan university students who have been evacuated to the U.S. and are currently on a military base in Wisconsin. If your institution can accept one or more of these students, please let us know immediately (requires tuition waivers & living stipends).

Artists: We are collaborating with the Artistic Freedom Initiative to bring 10 endangered artists to The New School and help place 10 others at Consortium schools.

How You Can Help: Encourage your university or college to join the New University in Exile Consortium.

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Enrolling, Supporting & Advocating for Students



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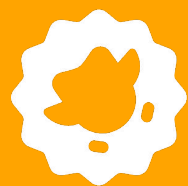
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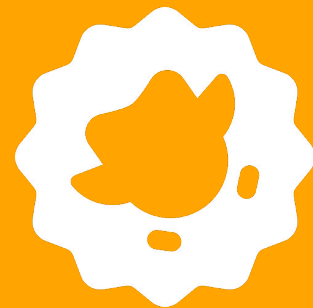
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Partners include UNHCR, United World Colleges, EducationUSA, and the HALI Access Network. But, we understand that **not all students are covered by these options**.

This year to support Afghan students, we've donated **\$25K to the IIE Emergency Student Fund** and are committed to **providing fee waivers to any university** enrolling affected students.

To request fee waivers or get involved, visit go.duolingo.com/AfghanStudents



MISSION

The mission of the Task Force is to promote and support the expansion of education as a complementary pathway for admission of refugees to third countries, to meet both the 15by30 target set forth in the Refugee Education 2030: A Strategy for Refugee Inclusion and the goals of The Three-Year Strategy (2019-2021) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways. The Task Force will focus on tertiary education opportunities in particular.

TASK FORCE COMMITMENTS

1

Raising awareness about the importance and impact of higher education pathways for refugee students

2

Providing technical support to universities for the development and design of education pathways

3

Providing individual case support to students while other actors, such as law firms and refugee resettlement organizations, establish a clear structure for student mobility

4

Advising on the development of sustainable funding models for pathways

MEMBERSHIP

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021)

Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

European Commission DG Home

European University Association (EUA)

Government of Germany (represented by the DAAD)

Government of Canada

Government of Portugal

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Institute of International Education (IIE)

Japan ICU Foundation (JICUF)

Open Society Foundations (OSF)

Open Society University Network (OSUN)

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