

Who is eligible for the program?

Displaced scholar

The Displaced Scholars Peer Mentoring Program is a global program that is open to individuals residing in any country who:

- a) are undertaking postgraduate study or other research activities relating to refugee and forced migration studies, and
- b) have experienced displacement.

Mentees will normally be enrolled in, or have completed, a postgraduate research degree (for example, Masters or PhD). However, other applicants will also be considered if they can demonstrate their interest in and commitment to forced migration research and scholarship.

Participants may be recognised refugees, but the program is also open to individuals who have been internally displaced, or who have been displaced across borders but not obtained formal refugee status.

Mentors for the program will be scholars undertaking research in refugee and forced migration studies in any discipline. Mentors will normally either be enrolled in or have completed a PhD on a relevant topic. Mentors may be located anywhere in the world.

How to apply?

All potential participants in the Displaced Scholars Peer Mentoring Program – including both displaced scholar mentees and academic mentors – must submit an application for the program using the [Application Form](#).

The application form requests basic personal information and details regarding educational background, research-related interests and other achievements.

How will mentees and mentors be selected?

Selection of **mentees** for the Program will be based on applicants' demonstrated commitment to refugee and forced migration research, and on the availability of suitable peer mentors.

Selection of **mentors** for the Program will be based on relevant experience and the needs and preferences of mentees.

How will the program be run?

Before the program

Prospective mentors and mentees will submit an online application. Mentors and mentees will be selected based on the selection criteria. All applicants will be advised as to the outcome of their application. Mentors and mentees will be matched, taking into consideration the preferences of the mentees.

communicate with the Program Coordinator about any questions or concerns that arise during the program
complete the program evaluation at the end of the program.

A program completion certificate is available to mentors who meet the expectations of the program.

What other support is provided?

In addition to the peer mentoring partnerships, displaced scholar mentees will be invited to join a series of virtual workshops with leading scholars in the field of refugee and forced migration studies. These workshops will provide displaced scholars with opportunities to:

- develop core academic skills, such as research, writing and presentation skills;
- workshop their research ideas with experienced scholars; and
- expand their academic networks.

The exact topics and format of these workshops will be determined in consultation with mentees during the initial stages of the Program.

During the course of the Program, the Program Coordinator will also provide mentees with access to resources and information about opportunities as they arise, such as research-related employment, research funding opportunities, conferences, workshops, publication opportunities and research-related skills training.