



## Kaldor Centre Resource Bank for Displaced Scholars

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### About this Resource Bank

This resource bank has been designed to support researchers and scholars in the field of refugee and forced migration studies, with a particular focus on scholars with lived experience of displacement. This resource bank provides an overview of some of the key research, writing and support services that are available in English. The resource bank also provides details of some of the research networks and job recruitment platforms that are available to scholars around the world.

When developing this resource, there has been a deliberate effort to focus on resources that are international in scope rather than limited to scholars in any particular country or region. While circumstances always change, there has also been a focus on resources that are ongoing rather than one-time offerings. Around the world, there may be numerous other opportunities and resources that may be available to you in your city, country, or region. We recommend connecting with local networks as much as possible to access and hear about these opportunities.

### Legal support and other services

The quality of services available to support refugees and other displaced people varies across country and local contexts. While support services are not available in all countries, the not-for-profit organisation [Asylex's Rights in Exile resource](#) maintains a global list of NGOs, not-for-profit organisations, and, in some cases, individual lawyers, who offer free legal aid and/or other services related to the needs of refugees and other displaced people across different country contexts. This resource may be a useful if you are looking to either access or recommend legal support or other services around the world. Click here to access the [Directory of Support Services](#). There is also a [database](#) contains country-specific information and support for asylum cases related to sexual orientation, gender identity and LGBTQI+ rights.

## Research resources

### 1. Forced Migration Current Awareness Blog

The [Forced Migration Current Awareness Blog](#) is a research support service run by Elisa Mason that highlights open access reports and scholarly materials relating to refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and other forced migrants. Subscribing to this blog, either by receiving email updates or through the RSS/Atom feed, is a great way to keep up-to-date with new publications in the field. You can [subscribe here](#). You can also review the blog's extensive [list of research resources](#).

### 2. Kaldor Centre Weekly Newsletter

The Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law provides a weekly summary of Australian and international refugee news via email. To subscribe to the mailing list, [click here](#).

### 3. Oxford University Forced Migration Discussion List

The Forced Migration Discussion List (FM List) is an email-based community moderated by staff at the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University. It aims to encourage greater exchange of information and to promote discussion on the problem of refugees and other victims of forced migration/involuntary resettlement, including those of development projects which lead to their forcible uprooting. To subscribe to the list, [visit here](#).

### 4. Refugee Law Initiative Blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration

The [RLI blog on Refugee Law and Forced Migration](#) publishes new research from a wide range of scholars on refugee law and forced migration issues. You can view and subscribe to the blog on the webpage.

### 5. Advice on Open Access Research

[This blog](#) by Elisa Mason provides an introduction into the different types of open access publications, with a specific focus on research in refugee and forced migration studies. To see an overview of the publishing rules employed by most of the major journals in the field, see [this table](#).

## Academic Writing Resources

### 1. The Thesis Whisperer

[The Thesis Whisperer](#) is a research blog written by Professor Inger Mewburn, director of researcher development at The Australian National University. This blog contains over 600,000 words of information and is a great research tool for early career researchers looking to learn more about academic writing, productivity, and the process of becoming an

academic. You can either subscribe to the blog or search its archives on its website. The website also offers a list of [recommended books for researchers](#).

## **2. UNSW Academic Skills Kit**

The University of New South Wales offers a range of self-study resources on academic skills. These resources cover areas such as [writing skills](#), [oral presentations](#), [literature reviews](#), [thesis proposals](#), and [time management](#).

## **Academic Networks**

### **1. Kaldor Centre Emerging Scholars Network**

The [Kaldor Centre's Emerging Scholars Network](#) is a global group of over 200 graduate and early-career scholars whose work impacts on refugee and migration issues. Sharing ideas across disciplines and institutions, members bring expertise in areas as diverse as migration law, refugee mental health, history, political theory, and climate change-related displacement. Scholars who wish to join are asked to complete the application available on the webpage.

### **2. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)**

The [International Association for the Study of Forced Migration \(IASFM\)](#) brings together academics, practitioners and decision-makers working on forced migration issues. It organises biennial international conferences and publishes materials such as guidelines on research ethics. IASFM has also published a [list of other forced migration research networks](#). Visit the website for more information on the association and how to join. Please note that there is a membership fee for IASFM.

### **3. UNHCR's Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (GAIN)**

[UNHCR's Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network \(GAIN\)](#) was established at the first Global Refugee Forum in 2019 and seeks to (a) advance knowledge sharing on refugee, forced displacement and statelessness issues; (b) work in solidarity with forcibly displaced scholars and students through concrete support; and (c) undertake research linked to the content of the Global Compact on Refugees. Visit the website to find out more about the network and the application process.

### **4. Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (The ESPMI Network)**

The [ESPMI Network](#) encourages engagement and interaction between emerging scholars, practitioners, policymakers, journalists, artists, migrants, and all those involved in forced migration and refugee studies. Its aim is to encourage and develop meaningful work and professional connections, as well as to produce new research and new interest in these important issues. Visit the website to find out more information about how to get involved.

## Free online courses and other training resources

### 1. Refugees in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (University of London)

[Refugees in the 21<sup>st</sup> century](#) is a free online course that provides insight into the refugee phenomenon as one of the most complex, compelling and (arguably) misunderstood features of the 21st century. Taking a global perspective, it will outline the fundamentals of who 'refugees' are, where they come from and where they go, as well as delving into the features of the global system for refugee protection and 'solutions' for those who have been forcibly displaced. It places the student at the centre of the learning experience through engagement with a range of robust and challenging activities, materials and online peer engagement.

### 2. Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection (University of London)

[Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection](#) is a short online course that provides insight into the phenomenon of internal displacement, a major humanitarian and development challenge in today's world. Taking a global perspective, you will learn about who internally displaced persons (IDPs) are and where they come from, as well as delving into the fundamentals of the global protection response for IDPs and potential 'solutions' for those who have been internally displaced. The course places you at the centre of the learning experience through engagement with a range of robust and challenging activities, materials and online peer engagement.

### 3. ReliefWeb Training portal

ReliefWeb is a humanitarian information service provided by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). [ReliefWeb Training](#) contains listing of free and fee-based training opportunities run by several international organisations, INGOs and other stakeholders.

### 4. Kaldor Centre Podcasts and Fact Sheets

The Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW has a range of educational podcasts and fact sheets dealing with contemporary issues relating to displacement. The podcasts are available for free on [Soundcloud](#). Factsheets can be found [here](#).

### 5. LERRN Webinar Series

The Local Engagement Refugee Research Network offers a range of webinars on forced displacement, including several webinars addressing the ethics of forced migration research at various stages of the research process. You can [view the catalogue here](#).

### 6. Refugee Studies Centre Podcast Series

The Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) at Oxford University aims to build knowledge and understanding of the causes and effects of forced migration. You can listen to over 250 public lectures and seminars from the Refugee Studies Centre on [Soundcloud](#).

## Career Opportunities

### 1. Times Higher Education (UniJobs)

[UniJobs](#) contains listings for thousands of university and academic jobs around the world. You can browse by job type, discipline, and location. You can also set alerts for specific job searches.

### 2. ReliefWeb Jobs page

ReliefWeb is a humanitarian information service provided by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). In addition to collecting and publishing information from more than 4,000 key sources, ReliefWeb also offers a useful resource for [job listings](#).

### 3. UNHCR Careers

UNHCR regularly offers a variety of local and international short-term and fixed-term contracts through the [UNHCR recruitment platform](#). You can find out more about the types of roles and contracts [here](#).

### 4. Country of Origin (COI) Experts

Country of Origin Information (COI) forms an integral and indispensable factor in refugee status determination procedures. To assist with the collection of COI, Asylex maintains a [database of COI Experts](#) who provide expertise information and objective evidence on an individual claim for refugee status. Visit the website to find out more about the database or to learn how to be potentially added as a COI expert.

## Study Opportunities and Fellowships

### 1. UNHCR Scholarship Opportunities Platform

UNHCR has established a [Scholarship Opportunities platform](#) that includes numerous accredited higher education academic or scholarship programmes that have been verified by UNHCR. On the platform, you can tailor search results by country of origin, country of asylum, language and research discipline. Visit the website to find out more.

### 2. Oxford Refugee-led Research Hub

The [Refugee-Led Research Hub \(RLRH\) at Oxford University](#) aims to support scholars and researchers from displaced communities to be leaders in knowledge production and decision making in the field of Forced Migration Studies and humanitarian research. In accordance with this mission, RLRH offers a variety of programs to support displaced scholars. These

include a [Graduate Support Scheme](#) for learners with a displacement background interested in applying to graduate degrees at Oxford, and an RSC Fellowship in Refugee Studies. Visit the RL RH for more information on application dates and details for the programmes.

### **3. DAFI Tertiary Scholarship Programme**

The [DAFI \(Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative\) scholarship programme](#) is coordinated by UNHCR and offers qualified refugee and returnee students the possibility to earn an undergraduate degree in their country of asylum or home country. It is available currently in more than 50 countries. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit the webpage.

### **4. CARA Fellowship Programme**

[CARA \(the Council for At-Risk Academics\)](#) provides urgently-needed help to academics in immediate danger, those forced into exile, and many who choose to work on in their home countries despite serious risks. Visit the webpage to find out more about its fellowship programme and eligibility requirements.

### **5. University of Auckland's Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies Non-Residential Fellowship**

The [Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies](#) at the University of Auckland offers annual [Non-Residential Fellowships](#) for scholars looking to further their research on displacement in the Asia Pacific region. Preference is given to applicants with lived experience of displacement. Visit the website for more information about the application process.

### **6. UNHCR Information Sheet on Seeking Scholarships Abroad**

There are a number of factors to consider when seeking a scholarship to study abroad. UNHCR has developed this short [information sheet](#) of things to keep in mind when considering scholarship opportunities.

## **Other suggestions?**

We are constantly looking to improve our resource bank to better support scholars with lived experience of displacement. Should you have any suggestions for other resources that you believe could be added to this resource bank, please contact Tristan Harley at [t.harley@unsw.edu.au](mailto:t.harley@unsw.edu.au)