Education allows us to move forward towards fair societies and a civil society committed to human rights.

“Support programme of the University of Barcelona for refugees and people from conflict areas

According to United Nations data, only 3% of refugees at university age have access to university, while the worldwide average is 37%.

“‘My family had high hopes for me, but the war got in the way and those hopes were about to be crushed. Then I got the scholarship and recovered hope. The sense of security is amazing. There is no death around every corner. I can see the blue sky without gunshots or rockets.’"

E.S., University Degree student at UB, Programme scholarship holder

“‘I am very happy in Barcelona. I have a new life with new challenges and I am pursuing my dreams thanks to this scholarship from the University of Barcelona. I am truly grateful to have this great opportunity and I will prove that I deserve it.’”

M.A., Master’s Degree student at UB, Programme scholarship holder

The Programme is coordinated by the UB Solidarity Foundation.

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The University of Barcelona’s support programme for refugees and people from conflict areas is based on developing the human rights perspective, with two main fields of action:

Academic and social integration support
- Academic and educational support.
- Accommodation.
- Social integration (support for language learning and daily life).
- Legal advice and psychological assistance.

Networking and cooperation
- Intra-academic coordination.
- Cooperation with different academic and administrative levels and NGOs.
- Information, training and awareness-raising campaigns aimed at the university community and the civil servants.

This programme develops the social responsibility of the University of Barcelona, which, in the context of a globalised world, has a firm commitment to contribute with its resources, facilities and knowledge to the construction of a peaceful and fair society based on cooperation and solidarity.

Support for students with refugee status or related situations
- Access to undergraduate, postgraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees
- Access to language learning courses
- Accommodation arranged with ACCEM and CCAR

Transition to university course
- 15 students from conflict zones with scholarships
- 3 modules: Catalan/Spanish, knowledge of the environment, Human Rights
- Co-funded by the Barcelona City Council and the University of Barcelona

Projects to support local action
- Support for local action in areas related to the management of diversity, interculturality, social inclusion of groups at risk of exclusion, etc.

European and international projects
- Implication in European and international initiatives that tackle the social, economic and academic inclusion of refugees as well as migrants and other people at risk of social exclusion

Solidarity initiatives
- Identification and sharing of lessons learned and practices in the framework of development cooperation and the culture of peace and human rights

Room for participation
- Collaboration and participation in multilateral fora: Barcelona Ciudad Refugio, ACUP, Red Vives de Universidades, CRUE, Coimbra Group...

The Support programme of the University of Barcelona for refugees and people from conflict areas has received several awards (Magisterio Award, Diversitat Award) and has been recognized as a good practice by the Good Practice Catalogue of the inHERE project and the Selection of Best Practices of the RESCUE project.