

IIE Assistance to Students in Emergencies

IIE has provided emergency assistance since 1919 to displaced students. In response to the global higher education crises, IIE developed the following key initiatives:

Of the
68.5
million
displaced
persons,
only **1%**
have
access to
higher
education

IIE PLATFORM FOR EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES RESPONSE (PEER)

IIE developed the Platform for Education in Emergencies Response to connect displaced and refugee students with the education opportunities and services established to support them. The centerpiece of IIE PEER is a web-based platform featuring a searchable clearinghouse of vetted scholarships, language and online learning opportunities. Student advising services are a crucial part of the IIE PEER initiative and support students from a variety of countries.

IIE SYRIA CONSORTIUM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN CRISIS

is a network of more than 80 colleges and universities providing scholarships for Syrian students who have had their education disrupted by the conflict. This network has provided support to over 400 Syrian students.

IIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SYRIAN STUDENTS

is a fund that supports more than 100 Syrian students with full scholarships or top-up grants in the United States and abroad. Students started their studies in 2017 and 2018.

IIE EMERGENCY STUDENT FUND

In response to specific emergencies, IIE will issue a call for nominations to the Emergency Student Fund. Emergency grants are awarded to post-secondary international students matriculated at accredited U.S. institutions whose sources of support have been impacted by natural disaster or other crises.

IIE PEER TRAVEL GRANTS provide Syrian students accepted into a degree program at an accredited higher institution outside of their home country with critical funding to cover their travel expenses to their new host country.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND CONVENING IIE convenes events, conferences, and workshops, and conducts and publishes research to continue focusing attention on higher education in emergencies response.

- United Nations Side Event: *Boosting Higher Education Opportunities in Emergencies*
- High-Level Roundtable Discussion: *Higher Education in Protracted Refugee Crises: Lessons from Syria*
- Supporting Displaced and Refugee Students in Higher Education: *Principles and Best Practices e-book*
- IIE PEER newsletter
- Brainstorming Session: Exploring a Rapid Response Mechanism for Higher Education in Emergencies
- Four workshops: "Higher Education for Refugees"; "Project No More Lost Generation: Principles of Higher Education Support"; "Best Practices in Admitting Vulnerable and Displaced Student Populations to U.S. Campuses"; "IIE PEER Asia Workshop"
- Original research on the conditions and educational needs of displaced Syrian university students in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey
- Annual IIE PEER Forum, high level event focused on cultivating higher education to empower displaced students

