

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SHORT PROJECTS (CfP)

HOPES (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians) is a €12 million project funded by the European Union's Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis, the 'Madad Fund', and implemented by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), British Council, Campus France and EP-Nuffic. It aims at significantly improving the situation of refugees of post-secondary age from Syria in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey and young people in host communities affected by the high influx of refugees, by directly addressing their education needs.

As part of the project, the Call for Proposals seeks to increase the number of Syrian students that are enrolled and trained in higher education programmes and training courses, including innovative further education.. The CfP will also improve the education and training institutions' capacity to provide Syrian youth, and vulnerable youth from the host communities, with opportunities to access further and higher education. Furthermore, the aim is to promote refugee education through enhancing access to online resources, courses and educational support.

Examples of projects that can be funded:

- Certified short courses leading to credit points (ECTS equivalent) that may be transferred to bachelor or master studies. These will help students determine their further course of study and acquire knowledge and skills that are most useful to them.
- . Training of education staff in providing support to students with learning difficulties, including capacity building, supportive classes, and psychosocial support. This will help students to complete their studies.
- Setting up flexible procedures within universities for Syrian students who are not familiar with the application process. Streamlining the process and procedures at universities in the region and developing a common approach in the region to integrate refugee students into education institutions.
- Design and implement a blended learning module for Syrian youth to acquire academic skills to enrol (again) in formal education. This will help young Syrians of post-secondary age to kick-start their academic career.
- Creation of tutoring and training schemes to help the students to perform better in their studies
- Scientific surveys on factors that influence the access of refugees to Higher Education, their performance during studies and their chances for employment after graduation

Through this call for proposals a maximum of 40 projects will be funded in Egypt, Northern Iraq (KRI), Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and/or Syria. All projects can request funds for their actions ranging from €6,000 to €60,000. The maximum duration of these funded projects will be 18 months, monitored by progress reports on a semi-annual basis.

Applicants can be: local and/or regional education institutions; local ministries (of Education and Higher Education, but also others e.g. Ministry of Labour); youth or labour organizations; other associations working with refugees; NGO's (local, regional and/or global); local authorities. European education institutions can participate as partners of regional/local organisations.

The Call for Proposals is online on HOPES website www.madad-hopes.org and the applications can be submitted by e-mail to cfp@hopes-madad.org. The first round of the Call for Proposals will be closed on the 1st of May 2017. In June 2017, funds shall be awarded to successful proposals.

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