

GLOBAL ACADEMIC NETWORK

Linking academia, policy makers and practitioners in the field of forced displacement and statelessness

AT A GLANCE

[The Global Compact on Refugees \(GCR\)](#) states that “a global academic network on refugee, other forced displacement, and statelessness issues will be established, involving universities, academic alliances, and research institutions, together with UNHCR and other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate research, training and scholarship opportunities which result in specific deliverables in support of the [objectives of the global compact](#).” (GCR, paragraph 43)

The GCR Global Academic Network (GAN) is one of the GCR’s proposed **specific arrangements** for burden and responsibility sharing.

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Facilitate **research, training and scholarship** opportunities which result in specific deliverables in support of the **four objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees**.
2. Help **junior academics** and those in regions less well-served by **existing networks** to ‘plug in’ to global networks and discussions.
3. Broaden the **geographical and thematic scope** of disciplines and academics working on refugee and GCR-related challenges and opportunities.

GET ENGAGED

Who can engage?

UNHCR welcomes interest and engagement by academic institutions, scholars, teachers, foundations and beyond who are interested in facilitating scholarships for forcibly displaced people, teaching and research that contribute towards the four objectives of the GCR.

We welcome people from **around the world**, including those currently less well connected in academic networks as well as junior scholars.

We aim to ensure real and **effective participation and involvement of persons of concern** in academic work which has the potential to affect and/or address challenges and opportunities relating to them.

We encourage **engagement across academic disciplines**, as issues around displacement and statelessness cover all areas of life and bring relevance across the academic spectrum from civil engineering to AI, from jurisprudence to economics.

How can you engage?

The GAN will be formally established on 17th and 18th December 2019 during the first Global Refugee Forum.

There will be **3 working groups** operating that can be joined:

1. Connect **research** relevant to the 4 objectives of the GCR with practitioners and policy makers.
2. **Teaching on refugee**, statelessness and displacement issues.
3. Education and **support for refugee students and scholars**, including through scholarships

FURTHER INFO

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