

ICRMS Research Grants for Senior Researchers

The International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies is committed to the promotion of research and generation of well-grounded knowledge on forced displacement & migration in Pakistan. To this end, ICRMS intends to provide research grants to the qualified & experienced researchers holding PhD/MS degrees on below mentioned themes.

Criteria

- Researchers holding MPhil/MS or PhD from a recognized University in **IT, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, International Relations, Pakistan Studies, Education, Economics, Business, and Finance** or a degree, which relates to the themes mentioned below are eligible.
- The researcher must select a topic from the below mentioned themes. Topic of the research must relate to the themes provided below. Topics other than the mentioned themes will not be considered.
- Researchers need to submit a preliminary research proposal comprising 1000-1500 words.
- Successful awardees of the grants will have to meet the deadlines at various stages of the research project.

Key Themes:

- **Research database:**
 - Compilation of all existing research on refugees in Pakistan into a database with key findings, recommendations and way-forwards
 - Mapping of all the research conducted on the refugees in Balochistan: Establishment of research directory with key recommendations.
- **Education**
 - Access of refugees to the tertiary education in Balochistan: challenges and opportunities
 - Exploring solutions for the enhancement of enrollment rates for the girls living in refugee villages of Balochistan
 - Impact of transition from Afghan to Pakistan **curriculum** in Afghan Schools
 - Impact assessment of teachers training delivered through PITE to the refugee schools teachers in the refugee villages
- **Health**
 - Impact assessment of UNHCR's investments from the last five years in the healthcare sector of Balochistan: The dividends for the refugee and hosting communities.
- **Livelihood:**
 - Economic potential of *Startup* microenterprises, steps and mapping of PoR card holders engaged in business
 - The formal or informal engagement and modalities of refugees engagement in local business, its potentiality, value addition and effect on the refugees
 - Digital workplace environment for refugees in Balochistan: Assessing the opportunities for the inclusion of refugees – highlighting methodologies, recommendations, gaps and challenges
- **Protection**
 - Status and actual coverage of various rights exercised in Baluchistan like access to SIM cards, bank accounts, driver's licenses, businesses, etc.
 - Assessment of all the **banks** in Balochistan: mapping of banks, procedures for availing the services for Afghan refugees and way forwards for removal of the bottlenecks (*Shall be awarded to the person with an Economic / Finance background*).

- **Host – refugee relations**
 - Host and Refugee communities: way forward for social cohesion
 - Promotion of **social cohesion** between the refugees and host community in Balochistan: Way forwards in establishing refugee awareness in the public schools/ or refugee chapter in curriculum etc. (*Shall be awarded to the person with a Sociology/Education/Anthropology background*).
 - Afghan refugees as part of the **local culture** in Balochistan (*Shall be awarded to a person with academic training in Anthropology/Sociology*).

- **Refugees and market inclusivity:**
 - Data on the availability of bank accounts to the refugees: barriers and possible solutions.
 - The informal sector & refugees in Baluchistan.
 - Legal impediments and opportunities; delegation under 18th amendment to provincial authorities.

- Recent arrival of Afghan refugees and challenges for Pakistan

How to Apply?

- Email detailed CV and scanned copies of educational documents in a single pdf file along with the separate preliminary research proposal in word format of no more than 1500 words before **25-May-2022** at icrms@buitms.edu.pk

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