Refuge – Access – Future 2018/2019

Program for At-Risk Researchers at the University of Bonn

The University of Bonn offers for the second time the "Refuge - Access - Future" program for at-risk researchers. The program includes courses and consultation for at-risk researchers. It shall facilitate a continuation of research careers that have involuntarily been interrupted due to war or persecution. As we know about the difficulties and challenges of continuing an academic career in Germany, the program shall also reveal alternative career opportunities outside of academia.

The program consists of two components: a **group program** and an **individual support program**. The group program is open to at-risk researchers currently residing in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Our individual support program, however, is exclusively reserved for researchers who have found refuge in Bonn and the region (Rhein-Sieg Kreis, Kreis Ahrweiler) and for at-risk researchers who currently work at the University of Bonn.

Please find further details on the group program and the individual support program on the following pages.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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We look forward to your applications and hope to meet you soon in Bonn!

Sincerely yours,
Simon Benhöfer & Heike Rauer | University of Bonn

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## Group Program

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<pre><code>                    |                                                       | Heike Rauer | Office for Research |
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<p>| 15 August 2018     | Experience Reports of At-Risk Researchers                              |                                  |
| 19 September 2018  | Strategic Networking – Which Network do I need to achieve my goals?   | Coach: Katja Wolter              |
| 10 October 2018    | Presentation of Research Projects                                      |                                  |
| 7 November 2018    | Applying for Jobs in Germany                                           | Coach: Dr. Andreas Stützer       |
| 6/7 December 2018  | Career Planning – What are my future career movements?                | Coach: Matthias Merkelbach       |</p>
| 16 January 2019    | Wrapping up & looking ahead                                            | Simon Benhöfer | International Office  
                        |                                                       | Heike Rauer | Office for Research |

- All events take place at the International Office, Poppelsdorfer Allee 102, 53115 Bonn
- Participation is free of charge
- Travel costs are not included
- The program is tentative and subject to changes

### Who can apply?

- Threatened researchers who have not been resident outside their own country for more than three years (threatened researchers are persons who are threatened by war/persecution or who can no longer freely conduct their research)
- Postdocs and advanced researchers (primary target group)
- Doctoral Students can be admitted depending on capacities
- Participants should currently reside in the state of **North Rhine-Westphalia** and should be able to fully participate in the program (time table, see above)
- At least basic English language skills

### How to apply?

Please submit the following documents until **18 July 2018** using the online application tool: [https://www.uni-bonn.de/international/coming-to-bonn/support-for-refugees/researchers-at-risk/refuge-access-future/online-application-for-the-group-program](https://www.uni-bonn.de/international/coming-to-bonn/support-for-refugees/researchers-at-risk/refuge-access-future/online-application-for-the-group-program)

- Academic CV
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The individual support program consists of five lines:

**Support Line A: German Courses**
Participants can choose suitable German courses of their choice and according to their level. The University of Bonn will refund the costs up to 250 €.

**Support Line B: Mentoring**
Participants have the option of connecting with mentors at the University of Bonn. The mentors are German or international researchers who will be able to share some insight to the German academic system and helpful networking rules in Germany. The mentoring option will not touch academic questions, but rather give you helpful hints on your next career movements. It might also contribute to establishing a new network in Germany.

**Support Line C: Coaching**
Participants have the opportunity to apply for a personal coaching with a professional coach. A coaching will help you to develop new career perspectives and will last for about half a year. There will be an additional selection process for participants in this support line.

**Support Line D: Job Interview Training**
Participants have the opportunity to apply for a job interview training with a professional coach. The training will help you to succeed in future job applications. There will be an additional selection process for participants in this support line.

**Support Line E: Trauma Therapy**
Participants have the opportunity to participate in trauma therapy here in Bonn. Some participants may have experienced war and persecution. Often, they have to cope with the experiences all for themselves. A trauma therapy can be helpful in coping with the experiences and to gain new strength and hope for the future. There will be an additional selection process for participants in this support line.

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- Preferred support lines (see above) including a short explanation