Refugees International's Refugee Fellows Program focuses on enriching and supporting the existing advocacy efforts of refugee leaders around the world. Our second cohort is tailored to maximize the impact and growth of our fellows. The year-long program will ensure that fellows receive robust support for the advocacy goals they are pursuing. Refugees International is committed to providing the necessary tools, resources, and access to amplify refugee and displaced people's voices and drive change in the advocacy landscape.

Fellows will be formally affiliated with Refugees International. They will collaborate closely with Refugees International staff to support their advocacy work. Fellows will partner with Refugees International staff through the fellowship program and benefit from peer-to-peer learning opportunities with other cohort members. Fellows will also receive formal training on advocacy and communication skills and strategies from Refugees International staff members and experts, in addition to opportunities for informal training.

Eligibility and Application: The program is open to individuals with personal experience of forced displacement and a demonstrated commitment to advocacy for the rights and safety of displaced people. We encourage emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds to apply.

**Duration: July 22, 2024 to July 22, 2025.**

Fellows will receive a $15,000 grant in four quarterly installments throughout the year, for working up to 5 hours per week.
**Key Components of the Fellowship:**

1. **Technical Training:** Enhancing skills such as public speaking, advocacy planning, and fundraising, or other themes tailored to meet the needs of the fellows.

2. **Professional Networking:** Connecting fellows with a wide network of influential figures in the humanitarian field, fostering professional relationships and collaborative opportunities.

3. **Funding Opportunities:** Supporting fellows in effective fundraising training and networking.

4. **Collaborative Advocacy Events and Trips:** Offering opportunities for partnership with Refugees International on key advocacy issues through collaborative events and research trips.

*Refugees International acknowledges the complexities and challenges encountered by professionals working in humanitarian settings, particularly for those with lived experience. The fellowship offers the fellows the option to access customized mental health support services upon request.*

**With financial support from Refugees International, fellows will be expected to:**

- **Participate in Regular Meetings:** Attendance at regular meetings is essential for staying aligned with the program’s objectives and collaborative efforts.

- **Attend an In-Person Retreat:** If feasible, fellows will participate in an in-person retreat, with details to be agreed on with the fellows.

- **Organize and Present a Webinar:** Fellows are expected to plan and conduct a webinar focusing on an advocacy issue relevant to their work, in collaboration with Refugees International staff.

- **Co-Publish at Least One Publication:** Each fellow is required to co-publish at least one piece of written work with Refugees International, which could include a statement, policy brief, op-ed, report, or similar publication.

- **Plan and Conduct a Field Research Trip:** If feasible, fellows should organize a field research trip in collaboration with Refugees International aimed at supporting mutual advocacy efforts.

- **Participate in Regional or/and Global Refugee-Related Events:** If feasible, fellows will take part in one or more regional or/and global events addressing refugee issues.
**Language Proficiencies:**

English language competency is preferred for the ultimate success of the fellowship program so that fellows may engage with all aspects of Refugees International work and staff. Competency in other key advocacy and local languages also preferred.

**Digital Access:**

This is a remote program, so candidates must have their own computer and internet access to participate.

**Eligibility for Grant:**

Fellows must have a bank account to which the grant can be transferred in adherence with U.S. law.

**How to Apply:**

To apply, applicants must complete an application form, submit a personal statement, and provide a concise work plan for the fellowship year.

Candidates will be invited to a panel interview during the second half of June. Decisions about fellowships will be made by the beginning of July, and fellowships will begin on July 22, 2024, for a one-year term.