

**BRIEFING:
How U.S. Universities and Colleges can Support Displaced Ukrainians**

**Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Time: 2:30-4:00pm EDT**

Link to Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkdu-sqjoqEtSinIRWneRIW4-Nt3RBbYAq>

Background/Framing

On March 3, 2022, [Secretary Mayorkas and the US Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) designated Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\) for Ukraine](#). DHS estimated roughly 75,000 noncitizen Ukrainians would benefit from TPS; of this number, 2,000 are F-1 Ukrainian international students. On April 21, 2022, [President Biden announced the launch of Uniting for Ukraine](#), a new streamlined process allowing up to 100,000 displaced Ukrainians to enter the US. Starting on April 25, 2022, US-based individuals and entities, including representatives of nongovernmental organizations, can apply through DHS to sponsor displaced Ukrainians.

Institutions of higher education (IHEs) around the US have mobilized swiftly in the days after the February 24 Russian invasion of Ukraine. They have responded with student-led demonstrations, fundraising campaigns to support Ukrainians, divesting from Russian companies and investments, suspending international exchange programs with Russia, but also by standing up programs to support Ukrainians entering the US. These programs—akin to those that provided support to Afghan arrivals in mid-August 2021—leverage the power and commitment of university and college leadership and champions. In addition to their traditional roles of academic admission and enrollment, IHEs are utilizing existing campus resources to provide housing, (co)sponsorship (i.e., meals, health, social and legal services), and employment opportunities to support displaced Ukrainians. In many instances, refugee students, scholars, and families have thrived under the leadership of the higher education community.

The National Association of System Heads (NASH), the Community Sponsorship Hub, the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, and Every Campus a Refuge invite you to this Briefing, which aims to provide an opportunity for timely, coordinated information exchange. Institutions will:

- (1) Learn how they can support displaced Ukrainians; and
- (2) Be invited to share the needs of their institutions to mobilize, overcome obstacles, and join in this nationwide effort.

We will dive into technical and operational aspects of the kind of support that Ukrainian families, students, and scholars may need, how institutions can provide such support, and will come away with concrete next steps for how to engage following the event.

Agenda

2:30-2:32 PM **Welcoming Remarks**, *Colleen Thouez, National Association of System Heads*

2:32-2:39 PM **Introduction of Uniting for Ukraine**, *Jacqui Pilch, National Security Council*

2:39-3:25 PM **Panel Discussion on Areas of Support**, *moderated by Colleen Thouez*

- Sponsorship:
 - Denise Bell, Welcome.US
 - Sarah Krause, Community Sponsorship Hub
 - Diya Abdo, Every Campus a Refuge
 - Anisgul Stanikzai, Guilford College

- Identification and Placement:
 - Allan Goodman, Institute for International Education
 - Sarah Wilcox, Scholars at Risk

- Policy: Miriam Feldblum and Laura Wagner, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

- Legal: Dan Berger, Curran & Berger, LLP

3:25-3:58 PM **Question and Answer**, *facilitated by Nele Feldmann (CSH) and Susana Liu-Hedberg (NASH)*

3:58-4:00 PM **Closing Remarks**, *Nancy Zimpher, NASH*