# AFGHANISTAN CRISIS RESPONSE

### Providing Vital Support to Afghan Students and Scholars Under Threat

Afghanistan is rapidly becoming the world's most pressing humanitarian emergency. Afghan university age students, scholars, and artists face threats to their work, ability to continue their education, and their lives. At IIE, we are doing everything we can to assist:

- The IIE Scholar Rescue Fund protects threatened and displaced scholars by arranging and funding fellowships at partnering higher education institutions, allowing these scholars to reach safety and continue their work. Many Afghan scholars are seeking emergency support, and IIE-SRF is deploying all the resources at its disposal to provide them with academic opportunities outside of Afghanistan. Partners interested in working with IIE-SRF to support Afghan scholars should contact IIE-SRFAlliance@iie.org.
- IIE's Emergency Student Fund has launched a call for U.S. universities to nominate Afghan students enrolled at U.S. universities who now face financial hardship. IIE-ESF has awarded over \$5 million to students since 2010, and is a critical resource when war, natural disasters, and other crises strike the home countries of students on U.S. campuses.
- IIE's Artist Protection Fund makes life-saving fellowship grants to threatened artists and places them at host institutions in safe countries where they can continue their work and plan for their future. IIE-APF has received inquiries from organizations and threatened Afghan artists seeking safe haven and expects more to come.
- PEER, Platform for Education in Emergencies Response, is an online clearinghouse enabling displaced and refugee students to connect with scholarships, language and online learning. The platform is in place for moments like this and currently houses about 120 different university refugee scholarships for which Afghan students are eligible. We encourage universities, governments and organizations to launch scholarship opportunities for Afghan students on the platform
- IIE's Odyssey Scholarship is an ideal vehicle for providing scholarships to displaced Afghan students using the model we have established in four other world regions based on lessons learned from our response to the refugee crises in Syria and Myanmar.

#### What You Can Do to Help

## SUPPORT

Invest in the future of Afghan students and scholars through a donation to IIE. Your gift can save a life—please give **online** or mail a check payable to IIE to:

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