



STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - PAKISTAN

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) would like to invite suitably qualified candidates to apply for the Student Refugee Program (SRP). Successful candidates are resettled independently as a single person - the SRP does not include resettlement of any family members.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a forcibly displaced person living in Pakistan , including “Proof of Registration” POR holders, temporary visa holders and other populations of concern registered with UNHCR. All nationalities are welcome to apply;
- Be eligible and suitable for resettlement under Canada’s [Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program](#);
- Be between the age of 18-25 as of January 1st, 2022 (date of birth must be no earlier than January 1st, 1997 and no later than January 1st, 2004);
- Be single (unmarried) with no children;
- Be a secondary school graduate and have in their possession a hard copy of the genuine and original proof of completion of secondary school;
- Be competent in English or French, able to meet language requirements for Canadian university and college;
- Facing barriers to accessing or completing post-secondary education;
- Self-reliant, mature and suitable for integration in Canada as an individual.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the [SRP Application Form](#) online available here:

<https://srp.wusc.ca/students/>

- The deadline to apply is **Monday January 3rd, 2022**
- Applications will only be accepted online
- To assist applicants with preparing responses in advance, please see the list of questions included in the Information Sheet below
- Please note that you will be required to upload the following documents (secondary school diploma, post-secondary transcripts, refugee status or other identification documents). Please ensure that all of your documents are electronic files (JPEG or PDF).



- If you have specific questions about the application process, please contact srp.pk@wusc.ca

Further considerations for the application process:

- The SRP values gender equality. Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.
- You may apply in English **or** in French. Candidates who are competent in **both** French and English can indicate this in their application form.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Incomplete applications will not be shortlisted. Please closely verify the eligibility requirements and the required documentation requested in the application form.
- WUSC is unable to add documents or change details in your online application should you make a typing error. If you make a mistake in your online application, we ask you to submit a new application before the application deadline and we will consider your most recent application.
- Candidates must be eligible for resettlement to Canada. Your eligibility is based on your individual circumstances and refugee claim. The SRP is open to refugees from all countries. There are no quotas or targets by country of origin.
- SRP applicants are expected to present WUSC with honest and consistent information and documentation during the application and interview process. WUSC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the submission of false identification or academic documents. Applicants who misrepresent any information or falsify their documentation, will be permanently banned from consideration for the SRP.
- The SRP is a **free program with no application fees**. Applicants should not pay any amount of money or receive pressure at any point in the SRP selection process. Please inform WUSC headquarters in Ottawa (report-to-srp@wusc.ca) if you have been asked to pay a fee (or any favour / service) to any individual during the application process or if you have observed any irregularities or have concerns about integrity of the SRP application process.



Information Sheet - Launch of the Student Refugee Program, Pakistan

<p>About WUSC</p>	<p>World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a Canadian non-governmental organization. Our head office is in Ottawa, Canada. WUSC is dedicated to providing education, employment and empowerment opportunities for youth around the world, especially for women and refugee youth.</p>
<p>About the Student Refugee Program</p>	<p>The Student Refugee Program (SRP) is WUSC’s flagship program. The SRP resettles between 130-150 students every year from various countries of asylum. The SRP is a unique youth-to-youth sponsorship model with post-secondary students in Canada playing a leadership role in the sponsorship of refugee students. WUSC “Local Committees” on Canadian campuses raise funds for the SRP and awareness about the global refugee crisis. Local Committees also offer day-to-day social support to SRP students after they arrive in Canada. You can learn more about WUSC and the SRP program here: https://srp.wusc.ca/.</p> <p>Important things to know about the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRP is not a traditional scholarship - it is a one-year sponsorship that includes resettlement to Canada and access to a Canadian post-secondary academic institution. • SRP students arrive in Canada as a Permanent Resident, able to apply for Canadian citizenship after 3-4 years. • Successful candidates are resettled independently as a single person - the SRP does not include resettlement of any family members. • The SRP covers a student’s academic and living expenses for the first year in Canada. After 1 year, SRP students are expected to become financially independent. SRP students are allowed to work during summer vacation periods, and/or during the school year, and SRP can apply for Canadian government student loans, scholarships and/or bursaries/grants to support the rest of their degree.
<p>Types of Academic Institutions</p>	<p>WUSC’s academic partners in Canada include more than 90 universities, colleges and CEGEPs. You will learn more about these options if you are selected for the SRP. For now, here is a brief description of these three different types of institutions where you may have an opportunity to study if you are selected for the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University: Undergraduate students in a university are working towards a Bachelor’s Degree. The approach to education in most universities is theoretical and research-oriented. Many students in Canada who graduate with a Bachelor’s degree will need to

	<p>also study at the Master’s level before they begin their career. The tuition at a university is more expensive than at a college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College: Students in a college are working towards a Diploma or Certificate. Some colleges have a partnership with a university with the first 2 years at a college being transferable to the 3rd year of a Degree program. The approach to education is more practical and skills-oriented. Many students who graduate from a college are able to enter the labour force directly, with employers finding college graduates ‘job-ready’. College tuition is less expensive than university tuition. ● CEGEP: This is a unique type of college that is present only in Québec, one of Canada’s provinces. Students in a CEGEP have an option of two streams: one stream is considered a bridging year to university, and the other stream is for technical diploma programs that are directly linked to labour market demands.
<p>Academic program and level of study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students selected for the SRP will have an opportunity for admission into a wide variety of academic programs in Canada, depending on their academic grades, prerequisite course requirements and language test scores ● SRP students are eligible for admissions into the following types of academic programs: Academic bridging programs including English language courses, Undergraduate Bachelor Degree programs, College diploma programs and College post-graduate certificate programs (requires a pre-existing College or Bachelor’s Degree) ● <u>SRP students are not able to directly enter a Master’s program in their first year of study in Canada.</u>
<p>Selection process for the SRP</p>	<p>WUSC’s objective is to select equal numbers of female and male students for the SRP. There are no targets or quotas by nationality - refugees from any country of origin are welcome to apply. The selection of SRP students includes a review of their refugee claim, academic strengths and personal suitability for integration in Canada.</p> <p>WUSC is responsible for making the preliminary selection decision. After the interview, we conduct a final round of verifications with local organizations including UNHCR and post-secondary education partners to verify refugee status and academic histories.</p>
<p>Immigration process for the SRP</p>	<p>After students are selected by WUSC, students complete the immigration application form for resettlement to Canada under Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. WUSC submits SRP candidates to Canadian immigration officials. WUSC does not have the ability to influence the final decision that is made by Canadian government officials. <u>The final decision will be made by Canadian</u></p>

	<p><u>immigration officials about who is eligible for resettlement to Canada</u></p>
<p>Safeguarding the integrity of the SRP application process</p>	<p>There are <u>no fees</u> to apply to WUSC’s Student Refugee Program or to apply for Canadian immigration. At all stages of the application process, the SRP is totally free for applicants. Applicants should never be asked to pay anything or provide any other benefit to a WUSC staff member or a local partner representative. If you experience or witness any corruption or unethical behaviour during the application process, we ask that you report this incident to WUSC headquarters in Ottawa through this email address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">report-to-srp@wusc.ca</p>
<p>Type of questions included in the Online Application form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full Name ● Date of birth ● Gender ● Country of origin ● Location of birth ● Marital and family status ● Telephone number ● Length of time living in Pakistan ● Current address in Pakistan ● Language abilities - in English and French ● Have you completed secondary school? ● Do you have your original secondary school diploma? (must attach) ● What country issued your secondary school diploma? ● What was your final average grade? Final grade in English or French language? ● Have you studied at the post-secondary level? ● If you had to stop studies at the post-secondary level, why? ● What academic programs are you interested in studying? ● What is your current refugee status in Pakistan? ● Do you have Proof of Registration (POR) or other documents that confirm your status in Pakistan (i.e. temporary visa, registration as an asylum seeker with UNHCR) ? (must attach) ● Have you been referred for resettlement to any country by UNHCR? If yes, where and what was the result? ● Why and when did you leave your country of origin? ● Are you able to return to your country of origin? ● Is there anything else you’d like to add to your SRP application?