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President Biden [announced](#) that 100,000 people forced to flee Ukraine can seek safe haven in the United States—beginning April 25 they [can apply](#) to come under a new program, “Uniting for Ukraine.” Welcome.US is amplifying the call to action for 100,000 Americans to step up as [sponsors and welcoming](#) for Ukrainian newcomers.

## *What are the options for higher education institutions looking to help?*

Immigration Pathway & Sponsor Options	
<b>Enrolling Ukrainian Students</b>	<p><b>F1 Visa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nonimmigrant visa applicants may apply at any embassy or consulate where they are physically present and where appointments are available.</li> <li>- As per the DOS guidance, applicants must still demonstrate “present intent to depart the United States at the conclusion of his or her approved activities,” even if that present intent may later change.</li> </ul>
<b>Welcoming Ukrainian Individuals/Families on Campus</b>	<p><b>Co-sponsorship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USCIS will continue to process existing refugee cases involving Ukrainian nationals that are in the USRAP (refugee resettlement) pipeline.</li> <li>- Contact and partner with your local refugee resettlement agency to welcome a family on campus</li> </ul>

**Uniting for Ukraine**

- Good option if you know or already identified a student, scholar or family.
- Beneficiaries will not qualify for resettlement benefits, only the benefits that apply to humanitarian parolees (not those designated specifically for Afghans).
- An individual must sign as the sponsor, but can represent an institution.

## *What other roles can higher education have in welcoming Ukrainians?*

- *Encourage welcoming by amplifying with social media messaging and graphics from the [Digital Tool Kit](#)*
- *Host threatened and displaced Ukrainian scholars, reach out to the IIE [Scholar Rescue Fund](#), [New University in Exile Consortium](#), or [Scholars at Risk Network](#)*

## *Where can I find additional information & resources?*

- [Ukraine Hub](#) provides information and resources to sponsor and welcome newcomers.
- [Uniting for Ukraine explainer](#) and [FAQs](#) to assist with understanding the details.
- [NAFSA Immigration Resources for Ukraine](#) with additional resources on supporting students and scholars in crisis.
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Special Student Relief (SSR) for international students from [Ukraine](#) already in the U.S
- [Every Campus A Refuge \(ECAR\)](#) has a model for campuses to co-sponsor refugees.
- To find the resettlement agency closest to you, check out Refugee Council USA (RCUSA) [Contact List](#) and [PERC map](#).

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