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To Presidents of ALLEA Member Academies

Sent by e-mail only

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Subject: European Fund for Displaced Scientists from Ukraine

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Dear Presidents,

The war in Ukraine has already displaced over 3,8 million people and the death toll continues to rise. We are all feeling the urge to help, and it is for this reason that I am writing you. ALLEA is partnering with the Breakthrough Prize Foundation to launch a USD 1.5 million programme to support displaced scholars from Ukraine, and I call for your support to put it into practice.

The initiative is set to commence still in spring 2022, and it seeks to provide immediate assistance to scholars in the continuation of their research in a safe environment by providing funds to academic host institutions across Europe for up to one year. In addition, the scheme will facilitate support to Ukrainian research institutions to continue or restart their operations, rebuild their research networks, and foster the return of researchers to a safe, free and independent post-war Ukraine.

The funding will be directed to research-performing organisations of Council of Europe member states who host postdoctoral researchers and assistant, associate or full professors from all scientific disciplines affiliated with a research organisation in Ukraine before their displacement. An independent committee will conduct the selection of beneficiaries in close cooperation with ALLEA and the applying hosting institutions, and will supervise funding decisions to support Ukrainian research networks and institutions.

The programme will be launched this Thursday, 31 March. For now, we would like to give you advance notice about the initiative which we expect to become another example of successful collaboration among European academies. In due time, we will share with you press material, the call for applications, and further information on how your academy can contribute to the implementation of the programme.

We are also encouraged by the enormous efforts and mobilisation of academies across Europe to support scientists fleeing from Ukraine, many of them already published on the ALLEA portal '[Support for Ukraine](#)'. Thanks for sharing this information and please continue sending other relevant activities to the ALLEA Secretariat. We are confident that the new ALLEA programme will complement these efforts and further help researchers and Ukrainian research institutions amid this dreadful humanitarian crisis.

Kind regards,



Antonio Loprieno

President of ALLEA