

Dear All,

As part of the University Global Challenges Research agenda, the Business School is offering a Global Challenges Research studentship under the theme Reducing Poverty; Promoting Humanitarian Action in partnership with the University of Istanbul in Turkey. We are seeking exceptional candidates to study for a full-time PhD, starting in September 2018, to address the challenge of the social and economic integration of refugees into host societies: the role of entrepreneurship; integration of Syrian refugees in Turkey.

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This full-time studentship, which includes a commitment of seminar support to undergraduate or graduate students, will be for three years subject to satisfactory progress. The bursary will be £16,000 per annum, and fees (Home/EU) will be paid by the School.

The Refugee Crisis is a Global Problem with its political, economic and social implications. Previous research has acknowledged the importance of 'developing entrepreneurship capacity' in helping refugees with their integration endeavours. However, there seems to be limited research investigating the role of entrepreneurship in the social and economic integration of the refugees. We welcome applications on the following topics that could offer new insights into the interface between refugee entrepreneurship, integration, and social well-being.

- The role of entrepreneurship in the social and economic integration of the refugees within the host societies in Turkey (or Jordan and Lebanon) and in the UK.
- How this integration (disintegration) impacts upon the social well-being of the refugees.

The study will employ a mixed methods (interviews and surveys) approach to data collection from Syrian (or Iraqi and Afghan) refugees.

We are open to consider PhD proposals on other topics relating to refugee integration, refugee employment, refugee entrepreneurship and informal economy.

We are looking to recruit a candidate of the highest quality and who is capable of submitting a PhD thesis within three years. Funding will cover the three year period subject to the candidate making satisfactory progress annually. Applicants are expected to hold a good undergraduate degree and a good Master's degree at merit level or above in a relevant area. Applicants should also be able to demonstrate strong research capabilities and be fluent in spoken and written English.

The supervisory team will include Professor Levent Altinay (laltinay@brookes.ac.uk)

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