



Refugee-Led Research Hub

AT A GLANCE



**REFUGEE-LED
RESEARCH HUB**

WHO WE ARE

The Refugee-Led Research Hub is a global initiative supporting individuals with lived experience of forced displacement to become leaders in academia, policy, and practice.

Through academic programming, professional development, and research opportunities, RLRH enables individuals to access graduate-level education, lead research, shape policy, and influence practice in humanitarian response and other fields of interest to affiliates. The RLRH mission is embodied in our leadership structure, the large majority of our team have lived experience of forced displacement.



OUR PROGRAMMES

5000+

applications received for RLRH programmes



OUR IMPACT

33

reports published

100+

offers for graduate study

60+

professional placements secured



Academic

Preparing displaced scholars to apply and succeed in graduate-level studies (master's & PhDs) across different disciplines.

Research

Enabling refugee-led leadership in knowledge production, where displaced researchers lead studies from start to finish.

Livelihoods

Facilitating pathways to advanced professional opportunities and transformative leadership in practice.



RLRH recognises the structural barriers people with lived experience face, from documentation to limited access to education and professional opportunities, and actively works to remove them. [...] What I value most is our proximity to communities and support for individuals to grow into the transformational leaders they aspire to be.

Mohamed Hassan (right)
RLRH Lead Researcher
Nairobi, Kenya



HIGHLIGHTS



GRADUATE HORIZONS

Providing mentorship for displaced scholars applying to graduate-level degrees (master's & PhD). Currently supporting admissions of 750 prospective students at 30+ partner universities worldwide for entry in the academic year 2026-27.

RLRH FESTIVAL 2025

Our 4th annual festival brought together refugee researchers and affiliates from Kakuma, Dadaab, and Nairobi for workshops, panels, and creative sessions exploring refugee leadership in education and research.

GRADUATE TRAINEESHIP

Launched in October 2025, this 6-month programme provides training, mentorship, and professional development with specialised pathways. Trainees will receive support to access paid work placements with employer partners after completion.

April 2021: RLRH office opens at the University of Oxford.

October 2024: RLRH launches an office in the East Oxford community.



1400+

affiliates across 89 countries

35

colleagues across 5 offices

October 2020: RLRH is founded in Nairobi.

April 2024: RLRH office opens in Kakuma Refugee Camp.

July 2025: RLRH Southeast Asia hub launches in Kuala Lumpur.

- where affiliates are based
- where affiliates are from
- 📍 RLRH offices

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