



# Fugee HiEd Scholarship

The first refugee scholarship of its kind in Malaysia!



# Summary

## **HIGHER EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT FOR REFUGEES**

It is essential to empower self reliance and future success of refugees in support of sustainable development. There are benefits for both refugee and local communities.

## **BUT, LACK OF FINANCIAL MEANS IS A BARRIER TO ACCESSING HIGHER EDUCATION**

In Malaysia refugees face both systemic and financial constraints.

## **THEREFORE, WE STARTED THE FUGEE HIED SCHOLARSHIP**

In 2022 Fugee would like to support at least 5 students to undertake a program of their choice, at a higher education provider of their choice. Scholarships will be 5,000 MYR (1,250 USD) per annum for the duration of their program.

## **WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!**

The Fugee HiEd Scholarship will not be possible without the support of generous donors. We hope you join us and invest in the education of refugee youth

# 1. ABOUT FUGEE

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## ABOUT US

It all started in 2009 with a **passion for change...**

Fugee is a non-profit established in 2009 and based in Malaysia which champions equality and access by and with refugees where each person has the right to build a meaningful life. Fugee does this through advocacy, education and entrepreneurship programs. Fugee's key values leading all decision making include Integrity – Innovation – Knowledge – Persistence.

Fugee empowers refugees as leaders of change to access high-quality education and integrate into the job market in their host countries so they lead dignified lives and contribute to society.

The journey for a refugee child starts at Fugee School, which provides academic learning and support to approximately 200 refugee students each year, and continues through to the Fugee Youth Academy.





# Supporting Refugee Youth Access Higher Education

Fugee Youth Academy was established to address the lack of access to broad-based education and job opportunities for refugee youth in Malaysia. The Academy looks to address the insurmountable barriers to secondary and higher (tertiary) education, vocational training and capacity building opportunities. Key aspects of the Academy's operation include counseling and coaching, and networking with companies, universities and training providers to facilitate access to the participants in our programmes. The Academy offers a range of academic courses and undertakes activities addressed to support transition to higher education:

- **ACCESS TO IGCSE & GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) COURSE**

We work with partners to bridge the gap between high school and higher education through internationally recognized programs.

- **THE CERTE BRIDGE COURSE**

Aim to help refugee students overcome two main obstacles to access higher education: (1) the lack of knowledge about existing opportunities and application processes, and (2) the lack of soft skills required for a successful application. We have reported 19 CERTE alumni to have joined higher education institutions. In 2021, we have launched a new cohort with 15 students.

- **ADVOCACY AWARENESS FOR POLICY CHANGE**

In 2019 we participated in writing the whitepaper "Towards Inclusion of Refugees in Higher Education in Malaysia". The paper was backed by different private universities in Malaysia and proposes a pilot programme where refugees to use their UNHCR card to facilitate their enrollment process

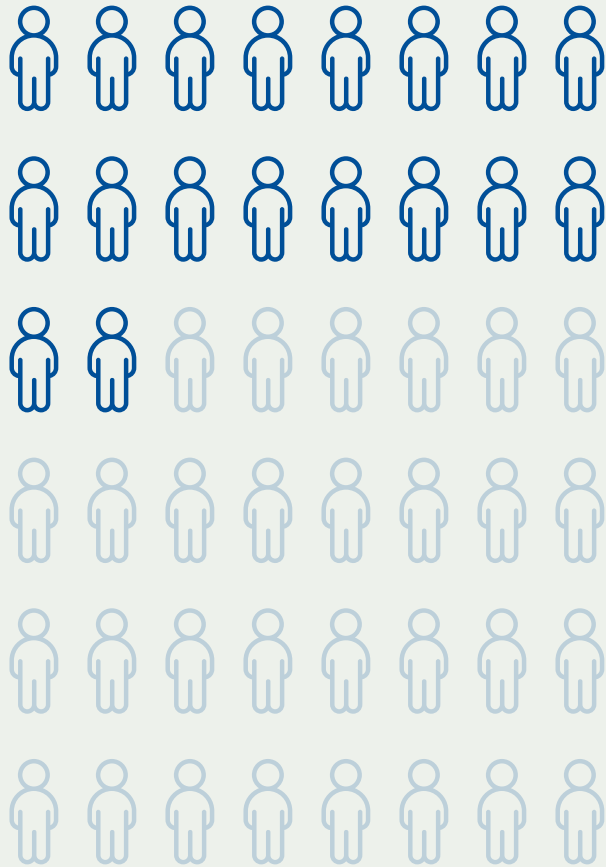
Fugee's newest initiative, which continues to support refugee access to higher education, is the **Fugee HiEd Scholarship**.

# 2. HIGHER EDUCATION AS A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE

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37%



37% GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS RATE

5%



5% REFUGEES HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS RATE

UNHCR target 15% enrollment by 2030

According to the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency dedicated to saving lives and protecting the rights of refugees, **higher education nurtures a generation of future change-makers** that can take the lead in identifying solutions to refugee situations. Higher education is a priority for UNHCR outlined in its 15by30 Roadmap which looks to increase enrolment in higher education of young refugee women and men to 15% by 2030, which based on current population data would mean that approximately half a million young refugees can participate in academic life. Presently the current enrollment of refugees in higher education stands at just 5%, a huge contrast to the global average of 37%.

In Malaysia, access to higher education for refugees is limited. Some institutions allow refugees to study, however **finances is a barrier**.





# Why Access to Higher Education is Important for Refugees?



## CRITICAL LINK BETWEEN LEARNING AND EARNING

Allows young people to thrive and transition to the pursuit of sustainable futures.



## BENEFITS NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Refugee-inclusive higher education ensures all students can benefit from a richer academic environment, social cohesion gains, improved academic infrastructure and resources.



## HELPS ACHIEVE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. Refugees being able to access higher education supports a number of SDGs, including quality education (SDG 4), reduced inequality (SDG 10) and partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17).



Reducing financial barriers through the provision of scholarships has been recognised as a **key action that can be taken to support UNHCR's 15by30 Roadmap**

# 3. ABOUT THE FUGEE HiEd SCHOLARSHIP

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# Fugee HiEd Scholarship

-- Background --

The Fugee HiEd Scholarship has been established in support of the UNCHR's 15by30 Roadmap and in recognition of the difficulties, both financial and otherwise, faced by refugee students in accessing higher education in Malaysia.

Through the support of generous donors, the Fugee HiEd Scholarship, in its first year, is looking to provide refugee students, with financial need, excellent past academic performance and demonstrated community impact, the opportunity to study full-time undergraduate studies at universities or other higher education providers in Malaysia or online through the award of scholarships. This includes officially recognised refugees, asylum seekers or stateless persons living in Malaysia.

The Fugee HiEd Scholarship is consistent with Fugee's mission to champion equality and access to education by and with refugees. It is also the first scholarship of its kind in Malaysia.

**Fugee believes that constraints such as displacement should not be a barrier to accessing the higher education necessary to make a new life or seek a professional career once resettled.**

# Scholarship Priorities

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**REDUCE FINANCIAL BARRIERS**

TO ENABLE REFUGEES TO ACCESS AND PARTICIPATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
TO DEVELOP PERSONAL SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

2

**EMPOWER SELF RELIANCE**

AND A CONFIDENT TRANSITION INTO SOCIETY, WITH COMPLETION OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION FACILITATING GREATER TO ACCESS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

3

**CREATE ROLE MODELS**

SHOWING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT AND BENEFITS HIGHER EDUCATION CAN  
HAVE FOR REFUGEE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Paving the way  
for a better life  
after  
resettlement

# Objectives for 2022 Scholarships



## AT LEAST 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

Each scholarship to be awarded will be **5,000 MYR (1,250 USD) per annum**, for the duration of each recipient's program, up to a maximum of 4 years, to cover:

- 1) tuition fees for their choice of program and higher education provider; and
- 2) if required, a stipend allowance towards expenses such as accommodation, study materials and equipment, transportation, health insurance and meals.

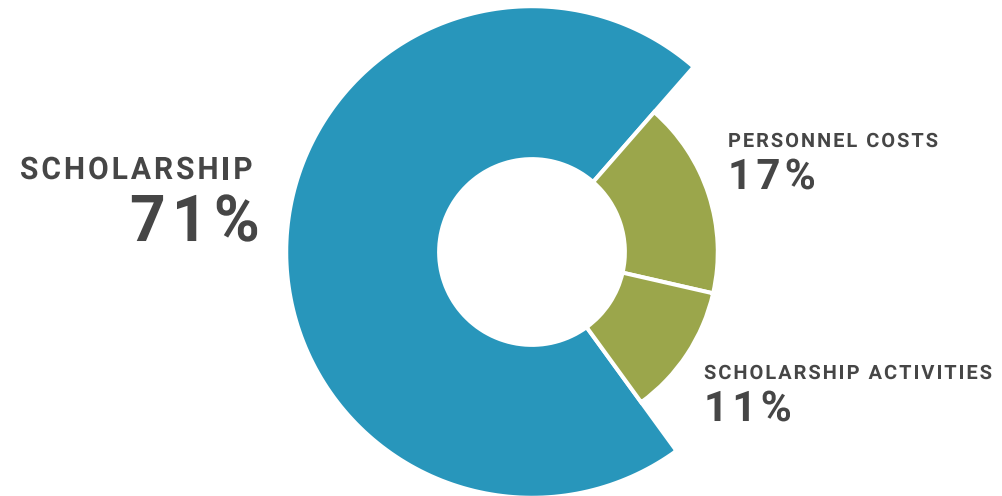
Scholarship recipient may also receive other benefits depending on in-kind support received from donors.



# Budget for Fugee HiEd Scholarship

Summary for scholarship awards in 2022

Total Budget  
**35,000**  
USD



29,000 USD (82%) will be the cost of the Scholarship Programme, divided into 71% in scholarship value to at least 5 recipients across the total duration of their programs (4 year max) and 11% Scholarship activities (Mentoring, volunteering, workshops, etc.) The remaining 6,000 USD (18%) will be for operational expenses to support the scholarship implementation.

# Who is Eligible to Apply?

To be eligible for a Fugee HiEd Scholarship an applicant will be required to demonstrate he or she meets these minimum eligibility requirements:

- **REFUGEE STATUS**

Be a registered or officially recognized refugee, asylum seeker or stateless person in Malaysia

- **ADMISSION LETTER**

Receive full admittance to or be admitted at a program of study at a higher education provider in Malaysia or online

- **AGE**

Be under the age of 35 years

- **FINANCIAL NEED**

Be able to demonstrate financial need

- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Demonstrate academic excellence and high motivation to complete a higher education study program

# Application Stages





# Recipient Commitment

Successful applicants who are offered a Fugee HiEd Scholarship will be required to enter into a scholarship agreement with Fugee. The agreement will set out the key terms and conditions of the scholarship award and will include what a scholarship recipient must do to maintain his or her scholarship for the duration of the program. Three areas of commitment include:

## **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Maintain a minimum  
cumulative 3.00 GPA

## **VOLUNTEERING HOURS**

Contribute a minimum of 100  
hours volunteering with Fugee

## **AMBASSADORS**

Support Fugee in promotional  
efforts relating to its objectives  
and the Fugee HiEd Scholarship

# 4. PARTNERING WITH US

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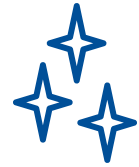
# Join Hands to Give Refugees in Malaysia Access to Higher Education

All refugees of merit should have access to higher education and opportunities arising from undertaking higher education. **A lack of financial means caused by displacement should not be a barrier to accessing education** necessary to make a new life or seek a professional career once resettled. By giving refugees access to higher education this will make a positive difference to local communities and society as a whole. These are the reasons why Fugee has introduced the Fugee HiEd Scholarship.

This is an exciting opportunity for your organisation to make a real impact supporting the education of refugee youth. **We invite you to be a sponsor of the Fugee HiEd Scholarship and invest in the lives of refugees in Malaysia.** This is your chance to empower self reliance and sustainable future success of refugees.

By collaborating with Fugee, not only will your organisation play an active role as a change maker for refugees, it will also **have the opportunity to gain exposure demonstrating its ongoing commitment to sustainable development.**



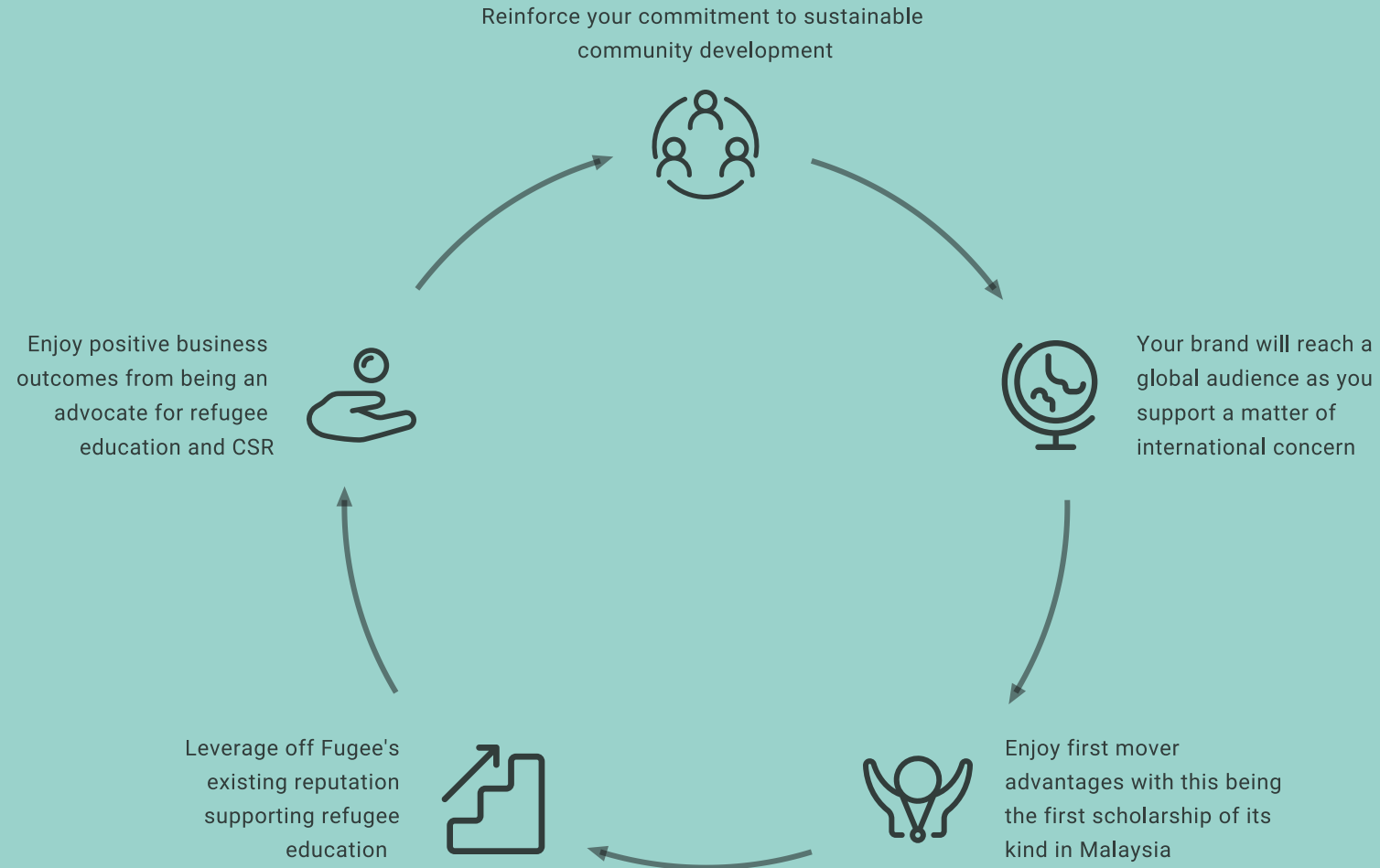


Become a sponsor to make the Fugee HiEd  
Scholarship a reality



# This opportunity is made for you.

By partnering with us on the Fugee HiEd Scholarship you are accessing a lucrative PR opportunity





# Realise the potential of our scholars together

Fugee HiEd Scholarship recipients could be part of the next generation of leaders in your business. Talk to us about how they can be engaged in your business both during and after completion of their studies. Some examples:



**VOLUNTEERING**



**EMPLOYMENT THAT WILL SUPPORT  
INDEPENDENCE AFTER RESETTLEMENT**



**INTERNSHIPS**



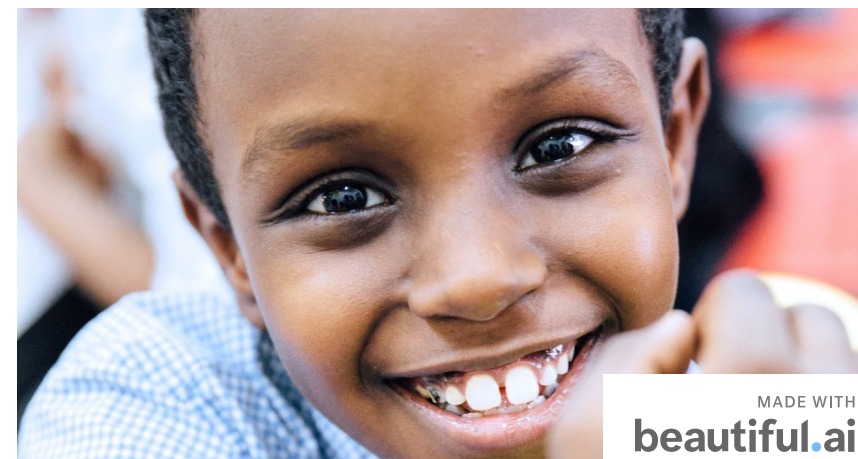
**EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**



**CORPORATE AMBASSADORS**

# Thank You

We look forward to working  
with you







You've heard from us.

we want to hear  
from **you.**

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