

THE EMERGENCY FUND FOR UKRAINE'S SCIENTISTS AND INNOVATORS

WITH THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE, the fate of the nation remains uncertain. Now, the war-torn country must recover its plunging economy.

The best chance to turn the economic tide are Ukraine's scientists and tech entrepreneurs. Legislation recently passed in the higher education sphere, as well as development for reforms in science, that will further strengthen the ties between education and research. This in turn will bolster the role of technology in Ukraine's economic progress and strengthen critical thinking skills.

Unfortunately, with the coffers of the Ukrainian government severely depleted by military operations, support for science has all but disappeared. The conflict in eastern Ukraine has, over the past year, displaced nearly a million people within the country including hundreds of scientists, engineers, innovators and students who have relocated from the war zone to poorly-equipped locations. Many more have left the country, most will never return to Ukraine.

THE GOOD NEWS FOR UKRAINE, and for science and innovation, is that a reform-minded government was appointed and has begun the arduous job of improving the country's institutions, including universities and scientific research institutes. But there is still much that needs to be done. After discussions with Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science, CRDF Global is spearheading the Emergency Fund for Ukraine's Scientists and Innovators. The Fund will be supported by donations and provide emergency support to those working in science, engineering, technology and innovation in Ukraine.

THE FUND WILL PRIORITIZE:



EMERGENCY RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR SCIENTISTS DISPLACED BY THE WAR AND YOUNG SCIENTISTS AT RISK OF LEAVING UKRAINE



MICRO GRANTS TO SUPPORT ONGOING MENTORSHIP, NETWORKING, AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION COMMERCIALIZATION

DID YOU KNOW:

- ▶ Historically, much of Soviet science was carried out in what is now Ukraine.
- ▶ The country has a strong history of engineering excellence. Three examples are welding technology, crystallography and space science.

UKRAINE NEEDS ITS INNOVATORS

"IRYNA" FEARS FOR HER LIFE because of her pro-Ukrainian views. She and her husband used to work as scientists in Donetsk but fled to Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, after conflict erupted in 2013. Like many others, they had difficulty finding places to live and work, and received no salary for months. Like their colleagues, they have considered moving to a Western European country, which would involuntarily contribute to Ukraine's rapid loss of capable scientists and innovators at home.

CRDF Global seeks to provide direct assistance to innovators like Iryna and her husband in the fields of science, engineering, technology, and innovation in Ukraine, fields which must serve as the foundation for future economic stability and growth.

SHORT-TERM RELIEF FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

The Fund is a practical way for individuals and organizations around the world to contribute to Ukraine's short-term relief and long-term sustainable recovery. There is a strong need to support these innovators, who are the intellectual capital on which Ukraine must depend to rebuild. The Fund will help encourage relocated scientists to stay in the country where they will have renewed access to funding and an opportunity for a sustainable future.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND INNOVATION MATTERS

CRDF Global has a long history working with Ukraine's scientists and tech entrepreneurs. Our mission is built around a simple concept: that scientists and innovators are uniquely positioned to foster economic prosperity, advance technological progress, and promote cultural understanding. We all benefit when scientists connect across borders to help solve pressing challenges.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

UKRAINIAN SCIENTISTS AND TECH ENTREPRENEURS URGENTLY NEED ASSISTANCE from their international friends and colleagues in this time of crisis. We call on scientists, engineers, and friends of Ukraine throughout the Western world to help in this very practical way to bring about short-term relief and long-term sustainable recovery. This is not intended to be a permanent solution, but a bridge from the current dire situation to a more prosperous and secure future for Ukraine's scientific community, carried out in an atmosphere of transparency and accountability that mirrors recent developments in Ukraine.

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