

# Grants for Refugee Academics

**Do you fit this description?  
Do you know someone who fits this description?**

*"I have Refugee Status in the UK (ie. ILR, ELR, HP, DLR)"*

**and** *"I was a University Lecturer or Researcher in my country of origin"*

**and** *"I am seeking to rebuild my career through enhanced qualifications"*

In addition to tuition fees, CARA grants can cover related expenses, for example: exam or bench fees, books, research, travel, equipment, and childcare.

**Application forms** can be obtained by contacting CARA by telephone on **020 7021 0880** or emailing **info.cara@lsbu.ac.uk**. If you are in doubt, we would be happy to discuss whether or not you are eligible for a CARA grant. If you fit the criteria, we will assist you with the submission of an application and presentation of supporting documents. If you do not fit the criteria, we can offer useful advice and information.

*CARA promotes equal opportunities and welcomes applications from women who meet the above profile.*

**Deadline for applications: 5.00pm, Monday 25 June 2007**

These grants are to help refugee academics (as defined above) looking to rebuild their academic or professional careers in the UK, through re-qualification or enhanced qualification. The Allocation Committee will meet in late August 2007 to review applications and award grants.

**All applicants will be notified of the Allocation Committee's decision by  
14 September 2007**

For more information about CARA and the experiences of previous grantees, visit **[www.academic-refugees.org](http://www.academic-refugees.org)**

## About CARA

CARA was established in 1933 in response to the persecution of academics by fascist regimes. Many of those assisted by CARA suffered torture, imprisonment and intimidation before fleeing their homes in fear of their lives. Despite refugee status, many struggle to rebuild their lives in the face of prejudice and bureaucracy in the UK. Their professional qualifications or degrees are not recognised. They lack funds, knowledge of the system, and guidance. The future looks bleak. Below are just a few of the academic refugees that CARA has helped.

## GRANTEE PROFILES

Adiba fled Iran following persecution and the execution of a close family member. Having sought asylum in the UK with her young family, she is now doing an MSc to help extend her qualifications in Mechanical Engineering and rebuild her career as a lecturer. Following a successful application to RETAS to fund her university tuition fees, she applied to CARA for a grant to cover the cost of her books, a laptop, travel, and childcare. Adiba's husband is also a CARA grantee.



Anvarjon had to flee Uzbekistan having suffered false accusation and persecution by the National Security Agency. Finding himself at personal risk of imprisonment and torture, he abandoned his work lecturing in International Law and Human Rights to seek asylum in the UK. Anvarjon aims to build on his existing qualifications to become a qualified solicitor. He applied for and received a CARA grant to fund a two-year part-time Common Professional Exam (CPE) course at law school that will enable him to practice in the UK.



When civil war broke out in Somalia, Rashid's family was targeted. He was forced to leave his post at the Somalie National University and flee to Kenya. After enduring terrible conditions and uncertain status in a refugee camp, Dr Shire sought asylum in the UK. By combining sponsorship from CARA with a part-time job, he completed a PhD at the London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is now a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Iowa's College of Medicine in the USA.



Narriman was forced to leave her lecturer post in electronics and flee Algeria, following personal attacks on her family as a result of her husband's work as a journalist. Having received refugee status in the UK, and aware of the limited employment opportunities in her field, Narriman chose to retrain. She successfully obtained a part-time place to do a BA in Humanities, and a grant from the Welsh Assembly to cover her fees. Following an application to CARA, she also obtained funding for her Level 1 and Level 2 Accreditation courses and childcare costs.

