



UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1
PANTHÉON SORBONNE



REFUGEE

STUDENT PROGRAMME

WELCOME ADDRESS



Since its creation in 2015, the refugee programme, initially dedicated to Syrian students, has striven to turn adversity into opportunity by providing academically gifted refugees with the tools necessary to succeed. Owing to the generous support of Dr Ali bin Fetais Al-Marri, the Attorney General of Qatar, and *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* University, the programme has successfully provided 111 students with full scholarships funding all academic needs, specifically designed French courses intended to facilitate self-sufficiency in French society, and educational resources aimed at making higher education accessible. The refugee student programme directly reflects *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* University's commitment to solidarity, diversity, creativity, openness, and performance.

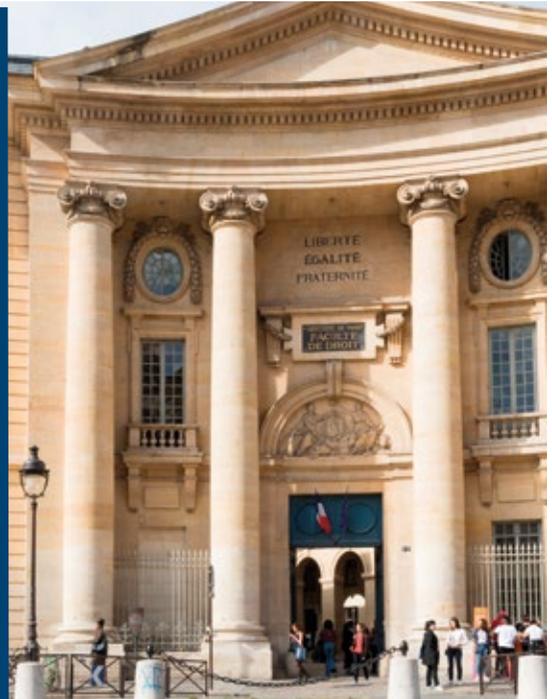
This year the programme celebrates its three-year anniversary, the refugee students' tremendous accomplishments, our generous donors, and everyone who has contributed to the success of the programme.

Professor Georges Haddad

President of *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* University

HISTORY

In 2015, inspired by the growing humanitarian refugee crisis dramatically challenging the Middle East, various sections of *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* University strove to create an initiative that would provide asylum seekers in Paris with the support necessary to attain a university education. It resulted in the creation of the refugee student programme, a programme designed to provide refugee students with the skills necessary to integrate into *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* University and continue their studies.





MISSION STATEMENT

The programme sought to prepare refugee students for the vigorousness of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University in three fundamental ways.

The first concerned students of non-francophone backgrounds; providing them with specifically tailored French courses and access to Arabic-speaking French tutors, methodology training, and multidisciplinary introductory courses designed to familiarise students with the language and literature necessary to integrate into Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

The second allowed francophone refugees to inscribe directly into Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University degree programmes; providing them with additional educational resources, scholastic level French courses, and academic counselling.

Finally, the third approach sought to provide students with legal expertise, guiding students through the asylum-seeking process.

In 2017, looking for ways to improve, the programme found that it could better meet the needs of refugee scholars in Paris by expanding its scope. As a result, the university developed a new diploma uniquely conceived for refugee students. The *Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités, Citoyennetés* university diploma (DU) intends to provide students with a B2 French level, introductory courses into the history of European institutions and contemporary studies, technology and methodology courses, and individualised mentorship. In addition, the programme became open to refugees of all nationalities and while a majority of the students are Syrian, the programme has students from over 10 different countries. Further, the programme found that close individual attention advanced the students' achievements. As a result, employees have attempted to personalise the curriculum uniquely for each student. Each scholar meets regularly with the programme coordinator who is trained to guide and accompany the scholar through administrative,

medical, academic, family, and social predicaments. In addition, while the university has waived all inscription fees for the refugee scholars, the programme supports the scholars' mandatory health care fee.

Thus far, 111 students have benefited from the programme; securing housing arrangements, French language acquisition, and the pursuit of their college careers.

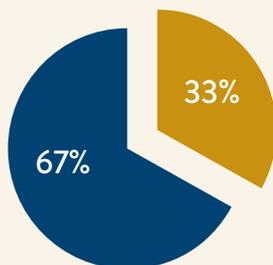
We are excited for their futures and the future of the programme.

FACTS AND FIGURES

(ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018)

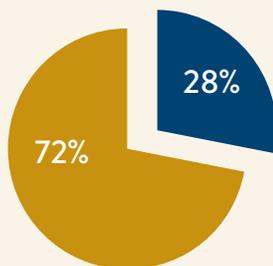
Breakdown of Refugee Students at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

Post-programme University Enrollment ■
University Diploma ■



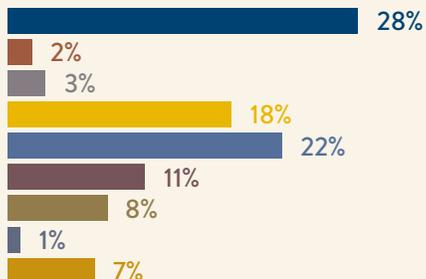
Gender Breakdown of the Students

Men ■
Women ■



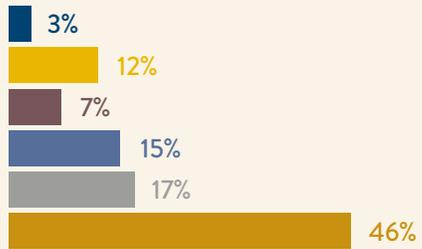
Discipline Breakdown of the 74 Post-programme Students

Management ■
History ■
Political Science ■
Mathematics & IT ■
Cinema & Visual Arts ■
Law ■
Economics ■
Art History ■
Economic and Social Administration ■



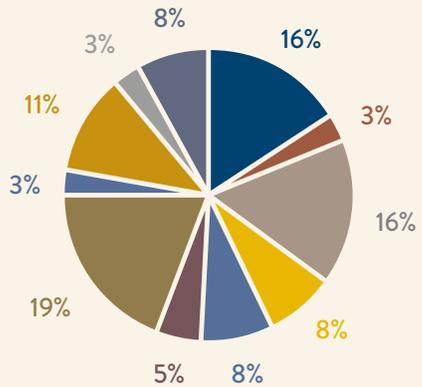
Breakdown of the 74 Post-programme Students by Level of Study

- PhD ■
- Master's Degree 1st year ■
- Master's Degree 2nd year ■
- Bachelor's Degree 3rd year ■
- Bachelor's Degree 2nd year ■
- Bachelor's Degree 1st year ■



Anticipated Discipline Breakdown of the 37 DU Students (2018-2019)

- Management ■
- History ■
- Political Science ■
- Mathematics & IT ■
- Cinema & Visual Arts ■
- Law ■
- Economics ■
- Art History ■
- Economic and Social Administration ■
- Sociology ■
- Undetermined ■





PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1253 (Sorbonne) and located in the centre of Paris (Latin Quarter), Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne is one of the oldest universities in the world.

The policy of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne is to conduct excellent interdisciplinary research and learning. It is organised around 3 main scientific areas: Economics and Management, Humanities, and Law and Political Sciences.

Research performed at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne is renowned on both a national and international level. On a teaching level, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne offers degrees taught partially in English, double degrees with international partners and off-campus training sessions. 43,000 students are enrolled in 10 teaching and research departments and 4 institutes, 20% of which are international students.

As a result of the university's close and long-standing ties with a large number of foreign universities (400 partners all over the world) and membership in international networks, the internationalisation of teaching and research is continuously growing and strengthening. The overall goal is to provide researchers and students with a unique opportunity to interact with a broad and global network.

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