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Information Session
for Universities in
Colombia:
OWSD WISDOM Pilot
Project
*Gender, Science,
Displacement*

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About the WISDOM Pilot Project



The WISDOM Pilot Project is an initiative to support displaced women scientists from developing countries to pursue master's degrees in their countries of asylum in the Global South.

The program combines scholarship support for students with a collaborative institutional capacity-building process, helping partner universities create inclusive, enabling environments for displaced learners.

WISDOM Pilot Project:

Women in Science Displacement Outreach Master's Program.

- This program is designed to provide educational opportunities for displaced women scientists while strengthening the capacity of host institutions to support displaced learners.
- To be eligible, universities must currently be hosting active OWSD Fellows *or* have OWSD National Chapters, *or* OWSD members affiliated (current or previously).
- Building on successful implementation in Jordan, Türkiye, and Uganda, the project emphasizes sustainable inclusion in national education systems and transformative institutional development.

Key Objectives

Institutional Strengthening

- Equip partner universities with tools and knowledge to support displaced learners.
- Foster gender-responsive, inclusive policies and practices.
- Build long-term capacity for integrating refugee and asylum-seeking students into academic programs

Inclusive Education

- Facilitate access to quality master's programs for displaced women scientists.
- Develop safe learning environments through gender and protection-focused training.

Network Building

- Establish connections among scholars, institutions, and stakeholders for continued collaboration and support.

Partner Responsibilities

Participating in a co-creation process to design institutional capacity-building activities.

Organizing the selection process, coordinating academic review, and supporting outreach efforts, including consultations with local UNHCR office & any relevant implementing partners.

Engaging in training and network building activities; managing program funds, including disbursement of scholarships, and providing transparent financial reporting.

Supporting enrolled students by streamlining administrative processes and offering academic and personal guidance.

Funding and Support

Institutional capacity-
building activities
tailored to partner needs.

Full scholarships for
displaced women pursuing
master's degrees.

Network-building
initiatives to foster
collaboration and shared
learning between displaced
students.

Funding Component	Description
Institutional Capacity Building	Co-designed training and resources to strengthen support systems for displaced students.
M.Sc. Tuition Fees	Covers full enrollment costs; partner universities are encouraged to waive partial fees.
Living Allowance	Supports study materials, food, transport, and accommodation.
Personal Allowance	Covers additional student expenses.
Residence/Visa Documentation	Supports legal status requirements for displaced students.
Medical Insurance	Provides comprehensive coverage for enrolled students.
Network Building	Develops student connections and collaborative platforms.

Eligibility Criteria for Students

Partner universities will help identify candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Hold official refugee or asylum seeker status (e.g., UNHCR registration or national government documentation, temporary protection status etc.).
- Hold a bachelor's degree in a relevant field.
- Be nationals of an eligible country.
- OWSD, in collaboration with partner universities and UNHCR, will ensure an inclusive and transparent selection process.

Why Partner with OWSD?



Strengthen institutional frameworks for inclusion and gender equity.

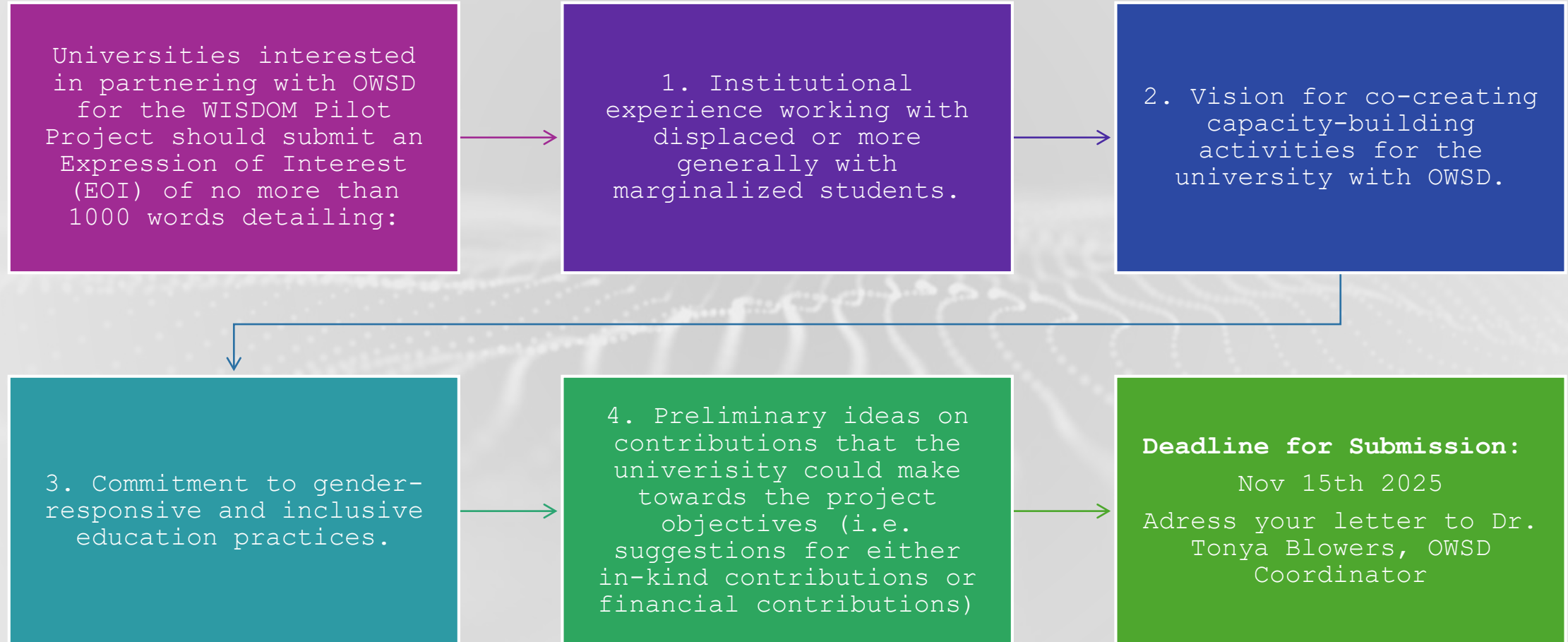


Build networks with global stakeholders in science, education, and displacement.



Contribute to transformative change in higher education for displaced learners.

How to Apply





Thank you!

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