Entrepreneurship for Refugees

The program „Entrepreneurship for refugees“ is designed to help refugees to start their own businesses in Austria. The one week program will envelop both general information on founding companies as well as specific and very practical information on the Austrian legal and bureaucratic framework. Furthermore, it will offer an introduction to funding programs on regional and national level.

We are currently looking for participants who strive to found a new business or have done so during the past year. Chosen participants will be able to attend the course free of charge and will be accompanied by Austrian consultancies and managers during the first weeks of starting their new endeavour.

The course will take place at the TU Vienna from September 04 – 08, 2017 followed by a 12 week period of individual coaching by experienced entrepreneurs and consultancies.

The final event will be a Business Plan Wrap Up on November 30, 2017 at austria wirtschaftsservice. Participants are invited to present their business plans to a jury of investors and business angels.

The program will be held in English. We particularly encourage women to apply.

Target Group
Refugees who want to found a new business or have done so in the past, regardless their educational background. We particularly encourage women to apply.

Lecturers & Mentors (selection)
• Dr. Christian HOENIG, Wolf Theiss
• Dr. Heike JANDL, CDInvest Consult GmbH
• Dr. Harald C. KLIEN, CDInvest Consult GmbH
• DI Peter MARHOLD, MBA, Helping Hands
• Matthias MONREAL, MSc, interprAID
• Prof. Dr. Adolf STEPAN, TU Wien
• Mag. Peter STEPANEK, Praxiserfolg
• Mag. Raphaela TONČIĆ-SORINJ, Ashoka

Admission Process
This program is free of charge.

If you are interested in applying for “Entrepreneurship for refugees” please give us the opportunity for getting to know you better.

1. Send your completed application form to office@cec.tuwien.ac.at before June 16, 2017. Please find the application form on our homepage: https://cec.tuwien.ac.at/entrepreneurship4refugees

2. Enclose all necessary documents:
   • Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 A4 pages)
   • Letter of motivation (max. 2 A4 pages or 1.000 words)
   • Short description of your expectations of the program (max. 2 A4 pages or 1.000 words)
   • Certificates of previous degrees (if applicable)
   • One Passport Photo
   • Copy of Passport or Copy of Residence Permit (if applicable)

3. After reviewing all applications, we will organize individual admission interviews for applicants.

4. You will be informed if you are admitted to the program after your successful admission interview.

When your life gets disrupted and you are cut off from your culture you feel like a fish ashore. However, after a while you have to sort out your chances and make plans for the future. If you feel that founding a business could help you to move forward, we can help you to develop your business idea and take your future in Austria into your own hands.”

“Entrepreneurs are the backbone of our economy. To understand the opportunities and fun in building up a new home we have to establish more entrepreneurs in our common society.”