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## **Better support for Ukrainian academics: moving towards consolidated funding databases**

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Research in Ukraine has been jeopardized by the Russian invasion. More than 200 Ukrainian educational institutions were completely destroyed (1). Several thousands of academics fled abroad. However, the majority of researchers, which accounts to about 70.000, still remain in Ukraine struggling to make a living and continue with their research (2).

The international research community provided incredibly generous support to Ukrainian researchers. Examples include fellowships for displaced academics (3, 4), universities offering remote working opportunities (5), national funders stepping up with open calls for Ukrainian academics (6, 7) and prioritizing Ukrainians in displaced academics programmes (8).

Initially, most job and funding offers were advertised locally on university or funding body websites or Twitter. However, most of such offers went and many still go unnoticed – navigating academia of a foreign country is tricky, knowing and visiting numerous websites with offers often available only in a native language is extremely overwhelming, and noticing poorly promoted tweet by the Ukrainian research community that barely got a grasp of Twitter is unattainable (9). Ukrainian researchers undoubtedly appreciate access to several databases that collect available funding opportunities across Europe (Euraxess database of the European Commission, 10), worldwide (database of a volunteer initiative #ScienceForUkraine, 11), or in a specific discipline (EMBO, 12).

Institutions and funders willing to support the Ukrainian academic community are encouraged to include their offers in established databases and use widely known hashtags when advertising on social media (#ERA4Ukraine, #ScienceForUkraine) to make them as easy to find as possible. Filling out a web form (11, 12) or registering and posting an offer (10) is very straightforward and effortless. In the disturbing and unpredictable time of war, when every support is critically important, it is vital to ensure that information about available support is consolidated and reaches those for whom it is intended.

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