



Tenth Annual Orientation Course on Forced Migration 2012

Applications are invited for the Tenth Annual Orientation Course on Forced Migration to be held in Kolkata, India (1-15 October 2012)

The Course, certified by the UNHCR and Calcutta Research Group, will be preceded by a two and a half month long programme of distance education. It will consist of workshops, lectures, other interactive exercises, and field visit. The workshops will be based on assignments sent to the selected participants two months prior to the programme for necessary preparation. The programme is intended for human rights activists, policy makers, academics, refugee rights activists and others working in the field of human rights and humanitarian assistance for victims of forced migration. The curriculum deals with themes of nationalism, ethnicity, partition, and partition-refugees, national regimes and the international regime of protection, issues relating to regional patterns of forced migration in South Asia, internal displacement, the gendered nature of forced migration and protection framework, resource politics, climate change and environmental degradation, and several other themes related to the forced displacement of people. Selected candidates will have to complete assignments based on the workshop themes before they join the programme in Kolkata, India.

Applicants must have (a) 5 years experience in the work of protection of the victims of forced displacement, OR (b) experience in research work or policy studies on forced migration, (c) proficiency in English. Besides giving all necessary particulars, application must be accompanied by two appropriate recommendation letters and a 500-1000 word write-up on how the programme is relevant to the applicant's work and may benefit the applicant.

There is a bursary for participants from the countries of South Asia. However, this will not apply to any candidate applying from outside South Asia. Therefore, the candidates selected from South Asia will have to pay INR7000/ US \$150 each as registration fee, while those from outside South Asia will have to pay US \$1200. Inquiries relating to the application procedure are welcome. Selected participants will not be required to pay for anything else besides the registration fee.

Applications, addressed to the Course Coordinator, can be sent by e-mail to forcedmigrationdesk@mcrq.ac.in or by post to the following address and must reach CRG not later than April 10, 2012: Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, GC 45, Sector 3, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 106, West Bengal, India. Phone: +91 (33) 2337 0408

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