

Dear All,

Due to the current situation in the Ukraine and the concerns and difficulties that arise from this we would like to provide you with the following information:

Visa information

For those that need support with or have worries and concerns about funding or issues related to their visas or visa status, please contact the international office of the University of Cologne:

=> *General info including visa:*

<https://portal.uni-koeln.de/en/international/study-in-cologne/services-for-enrolled-international-students>

=> *Contact person:*

- direct contact for students: Dr. Susanne Preuschoff (s.preuschoff@verw.uni-koeln.de)
- direct contact for staff: Dr. Johannes Müller (j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de)

Psychological support and advice

In case of need for help with social issues/psychologically stressful situations including e.g., COVID-related circumstances, matters/concerns related to home countries or other relevant conditions you can contact:

=> *Service Center Inklusion of the University of Cologne* ([LINK](#)), ☎ 0221 470-8822

unfortunately this webpage is only available in German

=> *Studierendenwerk Köln* ([LINK](#)),

- Arrangement of personal meetings: ☎ 0221 168 815 0, Mo – Fri 9:00 – 14:00
- online support: <https://www.kstw.de/beratung/online-beratung>

=> *Help line for employees of the University Hospital*

- Email: beratungsstelle-fuer-beschaefigte@uk-koeln.de
- Frau Willing: ☎ 0221 478-82938

Importantly, all contacts are confidential and will not be shared with PIs/employers. If that is too big an initial step, and you feel not comfortable discussing with your PI or someone else, you can contact Sibylle Grandel (s.grandel@uni-koeln.de). Again, all information shared with her is confidential and will not be shared with others.

Support/fellowships for refugees

For students:

<https://portal.uni-koeln.de/international/studium-in-koeln/academic-refugee-support>

For researchers:

<https://portal.uni-koeln.de/en/international/international-scholars/support-for-researchers-with-a-refugee-background>

General info

Our solidarity lies with the Ukraine and its people and at the same time with those who oppose the war, regardless of their nationality.

CECAD as part of the University of Cologne fully supports the University statement:

<https://portal.uni-koeln.de/en/international/international-network/solidarity-with-ukraine> (also contains an overview/links of other general information).

Best wishes,

The CECAD Executive Board and Central Office