

Research Participants Needed

“COVID-19 and Refugees: Understanding the Human Security Consequences of Delayed Resettlement”

Eligibility: Resettled refugees who arrived in Canada between June 2020 and November 2021
Time: 90 minutes
Location: Online (Zoom)
Compensation: \$50

Researchers from York University and Dalhousie University seek to recruit participants for a project exploring the impacts of refugee resettlement delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be eligible participants must have arrived as a *resettled* refugee (Privately-Sponsored Refugee or Government-Assisted Refugee) in Canada between **June 2020 and November 2021**, and over 18-years of age. All interviews will take place online. We will only recruit one adult per household.

Participants must have internet access and access to a computer or phone capable of video calls.

We are interested in understanding the experiences of refugees who faced delays or related challenges in the refugee resettlement process (either in their original country of asylum, or in another country along the way), especially individuals who were affected by:

- **Delayed resettlement (i.e., departure to Canada) as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic;**
- **Increased vulnerability or persecution in a host country while delayed as a result of COVID-19;**
- **Decisions to leave a country or city where they faced persecution during delays as a result of COVID-19.**

Please note: This project is concerned with delays in departure to Canada. Resettlement delays do not include quarantine after arrival.

Your participation is **entirely voluntary and confidential**. The interview will take approximately 90 minutes. You will remain **completely anonymous in any publications** resulting from the study.

We hope this project will result in recommendations for strengthening Canada’s refugee assistance programs, and evidence about how delayed resettlement affects displaced people.

In appreciation of your time, you will receive an honorarium of \$50.

If you are **interested**, please contact Leah Nicholson at Leah.Nicholson@dal.ca to schedule a call.

Please include your preferred language for correspondence and phone number where you can be contacted.

The project’s lead researchers are Dr. Kiran Banerjee, Canada Research Chair at Dalhousie University and Dr. Craig Damian Smith, Research Affiliate at the Centre for Refugee Studies, York University.

This study has been reviewed by Dalhousie University Research Ethics.