The **Catalan Scholarship for Refugees** is a programme thought for people benefitting from international protection who wish to continue studying studies they started in the country of origin and could not finish.

This programme, sponsored by universities, enterprises, town councils and the Catalan Government, provides for the incorporation of up to 100 students to different universities in Catalonia.
What does the Catalan Scholarship for Refugees programme include?
The Catalan Scholarship for Refugees covers:
- Tuition for University
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Maintenance
- Travel expenses to Barcelona
- Travel expenses from Barcelona to the Universities
- Introduction course

Who can apply, and which are the requirements?
Any person fulfilling the requirements can apply to this programme. The requirements are:
- Be registered as a refugee or known to UNHCR
- Possession of a Passport
- Be, at least, 18 years old
- A minimum of 30 university credits formally recognized and legalised through an international apostille
- Not to suffer from any illness which may have consequences for the public health
- Not to benefit from another scholarship programme
- Knowledge of English and/or Spanish will be valued

Type of visa
A Student Visa will be issued for those taking part in this program

Deadline
Deadline to apply for the first group of this program is December 14th, 2017.

Procedure
Register online through the Accesnet portal (https://accesnet.gencat.cat/) You can find a document that will guide you through the whole procedure, online.

Once you complete the pre-enrolment, you will have to hand in the following documentation to UNHCR offices:
- Copy of the receipt of the pre-enrolment procedure
- Photocopy of the passport
- Academic certificate detailing subjects course and formally and legally recognised credits.

Once submitted, applications will be studied and interviews will be carried out. To the interview you will have to bring:
- Health certificate proving you don't suffer from an illness included in the International Health Regulations of 2005
- Certificate proving the lack of criminal record

If the application is accepted, you will also have to provide:
- Acceptance letter from University
- 2 passport photos

FAQ
When does the programme start?
The programme will start during the first trimester of 2018 with the introduction course. The Degree will start September 2018.

Which is the language of instruction?
Classes are conducted in Catalan and Spanish

What does the introduction course include?
The course includes Catalan and Spanish classes, as well as knowledge of the Catalan University system and knowledge of Catalan culture.

Do I have to pay?
No, All basic expenses are covered

Can I work while I am studying?
Yes, you can work in Spain while studying, as long as it's compatible with the studies as it is a part time contract.

Can I take my family with me?
You have the option to bring your wife/husband and children that are less than 18 years old or disabled with you. However, you will have to provide for them according to the Spanish law as they are not included in the programme.

What happens when my Visa expires?
You can renew you Visa as long as your studies last. Once you finish you can extend your Visa for one year. After a three-year minimum period in valid student status, student visa can be turned into an ordinary residence and work permit, provided that a work offer for a minimum period of one year can be proved.