

SECTION 1: Joint Application Annex

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Why and when the coalition was formed

The Coalition had its beginnings in the 2010 SSHRCC funded workshop on Higher Education for Refugees at York University (YU), and is currently being solidified through joint research activities that seek to identify opportunities and to design combined online/onsite university degrees for refugee and local youth populations in the Dadaab area in Kenya. These activities are funded by a two year SSHRCC Partnership Development Grant (until Spring 2013) and a one-year MasterCard Foundation grant (until Spring 2012). Under these two grants, partners have started to conduct research on two thematic areas: (1) Contextual research is focusing on people's experiences of long-term refugee situations in the Dadaab camps. (2) Pedagogical

research is exploring the possibility of developing North/South collaboration in programme design, curriculum development, and pedagogical innovation needed in the creation and delivery of on-line, technologically enhanced, distance and/or face-to-face courses to remote and economically marginalized areas. To streamline the joint offering of courses by YU, UBC, KU, AVU, and MU, we are currently researching the norms of Kenyan university courses and programs as compared to Canadian universities, whether these are comparable and how comparability between offerings and institutions may be forged. We are also examining the pedagogical relationship between knowledge transfer technologies and learning and its impact on refugee student learning outcomes.

The Coalition is supported by a larger Network that involves other institutions worldwide: Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Refugee Education Trust (RET), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). These organizations are part of the larger Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) initiative and they support other aspects of the BHER initiative including and also beyond those that are addressed in this project application.

Role each Coalition organization will play & value-added to the project

The Coalition and network members recently met at the BHER Partnership Workshop in Kampala, Uganda (June 30-July 2, 2011). The workshop identified strengths and challenges related to the partnership as well as opportunities for joint growth. While each of the Coalition partners has experience developing/delivering at least one aspect of the proposed program, the strength of the partnership, beyond enthusiastic commitment, rests in the complementarity of their expertise. For example, YU, UBC, WUSC bring international, updated expertise/know-how in the development of bridging and remedial programs, including in English language and ICT training; they also bring their programmes and expertise in teacher training, degree programs in liberal arts, health, sciences, and business. KU MU and AVU will support the customization of this expertise in the context of Africa, Kenya and the camps as well as offering some of the programmes and courses. Given its many years of work in the camps, WUSC and WTK will broker access in the communities and work jointly with UNHCR Kenya (Dadaab camps) to raise awareness among specific groups of beneficiaries, especially families of school age girls, to participate actively in the diploma and degree programs.

Together the Coalition members will develop and deliver the following programmes:

- WUSC, WTK, AVU, KU will design and develop a certificate Bridging Program
- YU, KU, AVU will develop the Certificate in Educational Studies (Elementary)
- UBC, MU, will design and develop a Diploma in Educational Studies (Secondary).
- YU, KU, AVU will design and develop Specialized Diplomas and BA/BEd/BSc. All courses for teacher education will be leading to one of these degrees.