Process Overview

The process for refugee student entry under P4 category will involve coordination between the I.O., overseas partner organizations, the U.S. government and HEIs. From application to arrival on campus will be about a 22-month process.

Table 3: Application and Admissions Timeline

Timeline (22 months) Start: Oct, Year 1 End: Aug, Year 2	Year 1												Year 2											
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	
Students apply	Oct	← Students apply to Implementing Organization **Deadline: October, year 1** • Criteria: academic & refugee eligibility																						
Implementing Organization (IO)*	Oct - Nov	← Candidates prescreened																						
	Oct - Jan	← Prescreened candidates evaluated for academic eligibility																						
	Oct - Feb	← Academically eligible candidates evaluated for refugee eligibility Students with refugee status: I.O. verifies refugee document (UNHCR or state) Students without refugee status: I.O. or partner interviews candidate to assess eligibility for U.S. refugee status																						
					Feb - Mar	← Finalists selected and interviewed																		
						Mar	← Students selected for program and notified																	
						Mar - Apr	← Selected students referred to US Refugee Coordinators (Refcoords)																	
											Pre-Departure Orientation →		Jan - Jun											
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	
U.S. Refuge Admissions Program (USRAP)						Mar - Apr	← Refcords submit cases to Resettlement Support Centers (RSCs)																	
							Apr - May **RSCs process cases:** RSC focal points for P4 students ensure cases do not get stuck (Security checks | File preparation | Education about the process)																
												USCIS interview →		Dec - May										
																				Medical screening →		May - Jul		
																							Flight to U.S.** →	Jul - Aug
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	
Higher Education Institutions (HEI)*	HEIs apply to I.O. →	Jan - Mar																						
	I.O. reviews applications →					Mar																		
	I.O. selects HEIs →					Mar - Apr																		
	I.O. conducts initial orientation for HEIs & campus committees →											Sep												
	I.O. matches students with HEIs →												Oct - Nov											
	HEI admissions decisions →														Dec - Jan									
	I.O. finalizes remaining matches and notifies students of acceptance and placement →															Jan - Mar								
	Student arrives in U.S. →																						Jul - Aug	
	Campus committee provides initial reception services →																						Jul - Aug	
	Student orientations →																						Jul - Aug	
	Student begins classes →																							Aug

* with overseas partners | ** If student is not approved for travel by August Year 2, all efforts will be made for them to travel the following December or January. HEIs will agree in advance to start date flexibility | *** with campus committees