Dear Academic Staff Members, Colleagues, and Students,

The images and news coming out of Ukraine over the past few days have shaken us deeply: Residential areas throughout the country have been destroyed. Aid convoys are being hindered because the requested humanitarian corridors are under fire. And well in excess of a million people have fled the country, an increasing number of whom are now also arriving in Germany. We, the Executive University Board of Universität Hamburg, condemn this war in the strongest possible terms. Our thoughts remain with all those in Ukraine, with all those in Russia who are opposing the war, and with all those who are worried about friends and relatives, as we have heard from many of you.

We have already informed you about the temporary suspension of all cooperation projects and activities with Russian institutions. However, as a university, we also want to help in a concrete way.

How are we helping students?

Universität Hamburg is working hard with the City of Hamburg, Studierendenwerk Hamburg, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and its partner universities in order to support Ukrainian and Russian students at the University in the best possible way and to minimize the impact of the war on their studies. At the various centralized and decentralized points of contact, colleagues are available to answer questions about the effects of the war on your residence permit and on your studies at Universität Hamburg. You will find answers to the most urgent questions in the FAQ, which is regularly updated.
Through the #UHHhilft program, we are offering support to Ukrainian refugees who had to interrupt their studies or who were unable to begin their studies. We will draw on and adapt as needed the proven services of this orientation program, which was established in 2015.

How are we helping researchers?
A support service for at-risk researchers from Ukraine is also being set up. Here, the Universität Hamburg participates in, among other things, the implementation of the City of Hamburg–funded “science bridge” for Ukraine within the framework of the Hamburg Programme for Scholars at Risk (HPSAR) and supports applications from Ukrainian researchers in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s Philipp Schwarz Initiative.

Where is all the relevant information available?
The various counseling and support services for affected Ukrainian and Russian students and researchers are available at www.uni-hamburg.de/en/uhhhilft-ukraine. This information is updated continually.

How can Universität Hamburg members help?
We invite you to look through the website and to find out how you can best get involved personally.

If you have any further questions, send an email to uhhhilft-ukraine@uni-hamburg.de.

Best regards on behalf of the entire Executive University Board,

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