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Business and Human Rights (BHR): Mentorship Program for Ukrainian Early Career Researchers

[The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) and [Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University](#) are glad to announce the Mentorship program for Early career researchers on business and human rights in Ukraine.

The Program will equip participants with knowledge and skills in research methodologies and practical approaches relevant to the Ukrainian context, as well as will provide opportunities to become better integrated into the global BHR discourse and networks. This Program is meant to facilitate multidisciplinary thinking and collaborations and will be relevant for researchers from the fields of law, management, political science, and sustainability studies and other fields touching on business in society. Different conceptual perspectives will be covered, including interconnections between business and human rights, responsible business conduct, corporate sustainability, ESG, corporate social responsibility.

The program is open for **20 Early career researchers** from Ukraine (PhD students and scholars with the research experience in BHR field no more than 3 years, as well as practitioners human rights defenders and CSOs representatives who undertake in-depth research as part of their work). The successful applicants will receive mentorship from international BHR experts.

The Mentorship program (June 2024 – March 2025) will combine self-study of materials provided by the coordinators of the Program, a series of 5 online BHR workshops (2-2,5 hours each) from prominent BHR experts, collaboration within small research groups (3-4 persons) under supervision of a mentor, and disseminating knowledge through BHR podcasts, seminars and other modalities. Total number of contact hours is approx. 40 hours. The self-learning component will be an important part of the Mentorship program. Participants will be offered self-learning

packages depending on where they are on the BHR journey in order to facilitate the research and guidance from mentors.

Each participant will need to prepare a final research paper (individual or joint) with a view to publication.

Participants who meet all Program's requirements (preparing the final paper, participation in the workshops, dissemination activities) will be awarded by Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University with Diplomas.

To apply for the Mentorship program, please submit an [application form](#). The deadline to apply is **20th April 2024, 23.59 Kyiv time**. Selected participants will be announced **before 15th May**. The Mentorship program will be conducted in English and working level English is a requirement.

The Program is free of charge.

The Program will be conducted via the video conferencing software Zoom. Participants must have access to appropriate computing facilities as well as a reliable internet connection to enable full participation in the online meetings.

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