



## Call for applications: Legal Experts on Immigration and Asylum

**Asylos** is a dynamic network of diverse volunteer researchers investigating human rights abuses on-demand to support asylum claims. Our research concerns human rights situations in refugee and asylum-seekers' countries of origin or other facts relating to the credibility of an individual asylum claim. In many countries, legal aid provided for asylum seekers is limited. Lawyers cannot devote sufficient time to researching information that may substantiate asylum requests in court. **Asylos** volunteers look for information that can help to establish whether forcing a refugee to return to his/her country of origin or transit would threaten his/her life or deny fundamental human and civil rights.

**Asylos** is establishing a new, specialised team with legal experience of the UK asylum system as we expand our reach to areas outside of London where asylum lawyers are sparse and the need is high. This team will consist of individuals with extensive and ongoing experience of the UK sector and RSD processes to support Asylos in reviewing incoming research requests and conducting occasional reviews of our case-specific reports, to ensure maximum impact and the highest quality of our research. This may mean using their legal expertise to assist Asylos teams in reviewing research questions, reading and analysing relevant country guidance cases, Home Office Policy and Information Notes and where possible paperwork (such as Home Office/tribunal decisions and claimant statements) in order to identify the specific COI needs.

Team members will be expected to commit an average of two hours of support per week or eight hours per month on a rota basis (roughly every 3-4 months).

### Your profile:

- At least two years' vocational experience of RSD procedures in the UK
- Substantial legal expertise in the field of asylum and immigration
- A demonstrable interest in and knowledge of Asylos' mission and values
- Excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of other languages spoken in countries of origin is an advantage
- A willingness to use online collaboration tools
- A firm commitment to meeting tight deadlines

**What we offer:**

- An opportunity to be involved in a growing movement to improve asylum justice in the UK and get involved in a dynamic project with a unique organisation.
- An international network of highly qualified and motivated volunteers with meetings in cities such as London, Berlin, Brussels and Paris
- An inclusive working atmosphere with room for taking initiative and proposing new projects
- Training in COI research techniques
- Participation in Asylos' annual network meeting

**To apply**, please send your CV and a short letter of motivation to [info@asylos.eu](mailto:info@asylos.eu) mentioning that you are applying to join the 'Research Standards Support Team'. For more information on **Asylos**, visit our website [www.asylos.eu](http://www.asylos.eu).