

## PRESS RELEASE

## Complutense University will support Syrian Refugees hosted in Spain

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Given the situation of refugees seeking asylum in Europe, UCM is committed to alleviating the problem. With the conviction that only education will succeed in rebuilding countries suffering the effects of violence and prevent similar situations in the future, The Complutense University, in line with what was agreed by the CRUE (Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities), has taken the following decision:

- UCM will host in their classrooms the largest possible number of Syria's refugee university students, without any charge. In addition, the Complutense Centre of Spanish Language will provide them with Spanish courses.
- The Complutense University psychology clinic will provide refugees and their families with free counselling for those who require and request.
- UCM will facilitate collaboration for those refugees who were university professors and researchers in their home country.
- UCM will promote volunteerism among their students by providing academic recognition of this activity in the disciplines concerned.

In the coming days UCM will release the contact numbers of the office responsible for channeling and processing of applications for those affected who need these services. In addition, UCM will develop other initiatives within the framework of study and research on the situation of refugees arriving in Europe fleeing the devastation of their countries.