

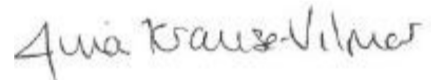
Dear {{Recipient.FirstName}},

The right to seek asylum is enshrined in international law, and we must do our part to uphold it. **This past month**, I had the privilege of attending a meeting at the White House to discuss beneficiary support, including employment opportunities, for **new Safe Mobility Offices (or "Oficinas de Movilidad Segura")** in Latin America. Amid a five-year backlog of asylum cases, we're proud to see the Biden Administration taking proactive measures to expedite the processing of visa requests in the region.

Asylum seekers come to the U.S. in search of safety and security, which is directly linked to their ability to earn a livelihood. At Upwardly Global, we recognize the importance of this opportunity and are advocating for the economic inclusion of asylum seekers entering the U.S. through these crucial offices.

We have also recently endorsed the **Assisting Seekers in Pursuit of Integration and Rapid Employment (ASPIRE) Act**. This legislation aims to decrease the waiting period for asylum seekers to receive employment authorization, reducing it from 180 days to 30 days. By expediting the economic self-sufficiency of those resettling here, we are able to not only address labor market shortages, but also help entire families and communities rebuild their lives.

With gratitude,



Jina Krause-Vilmar
CEO and President

The Afghan Adjustment Act is Reintroduced in Congress



Upwardly Global applauds the [reintroduction of the Afghan Adjustment Act \(AAA\)](#), a critical, bipartisan bill that would help expedite pathways to permanent legal status for Afghan newcomers, expand eligibility requirements for the Special Immigrant Visa program, and create a new interagency task force to help relocate at-risk allies left behind in Afghanistan. The act would prevent lapses in immigration status and work authorization by guaranteeing a pathway for these individuals to legally live and work in the U.S. Additionally, the act would help lessen the burden on the U.S. immigration system and streamline a pathway to citizenship.

[Take action and contact your elected officials in support of the AAA.](#)

Upwardly Global's Work with Afghan Newcomers



[Learn more about Upwardly Global's ongoing work with Afghan newcomers.](#)

ASPIRE Act Would Expedite Work Authorization for Asylum Seekers



Upwardly Global is advocating for the passage of the [Assisting Seekers in Pursuit of Integration and Rapid Employment \(ASPIRE\) Act](#) introduced in Congress by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), and Congressman Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.). The bill would shorten the current 180-day waiting period before asylum seekers are eligible to apply for employment authorization, which often leaves them vulnerable to unsafe working conditions.

[Read more about the ASPIRE Act.](#)

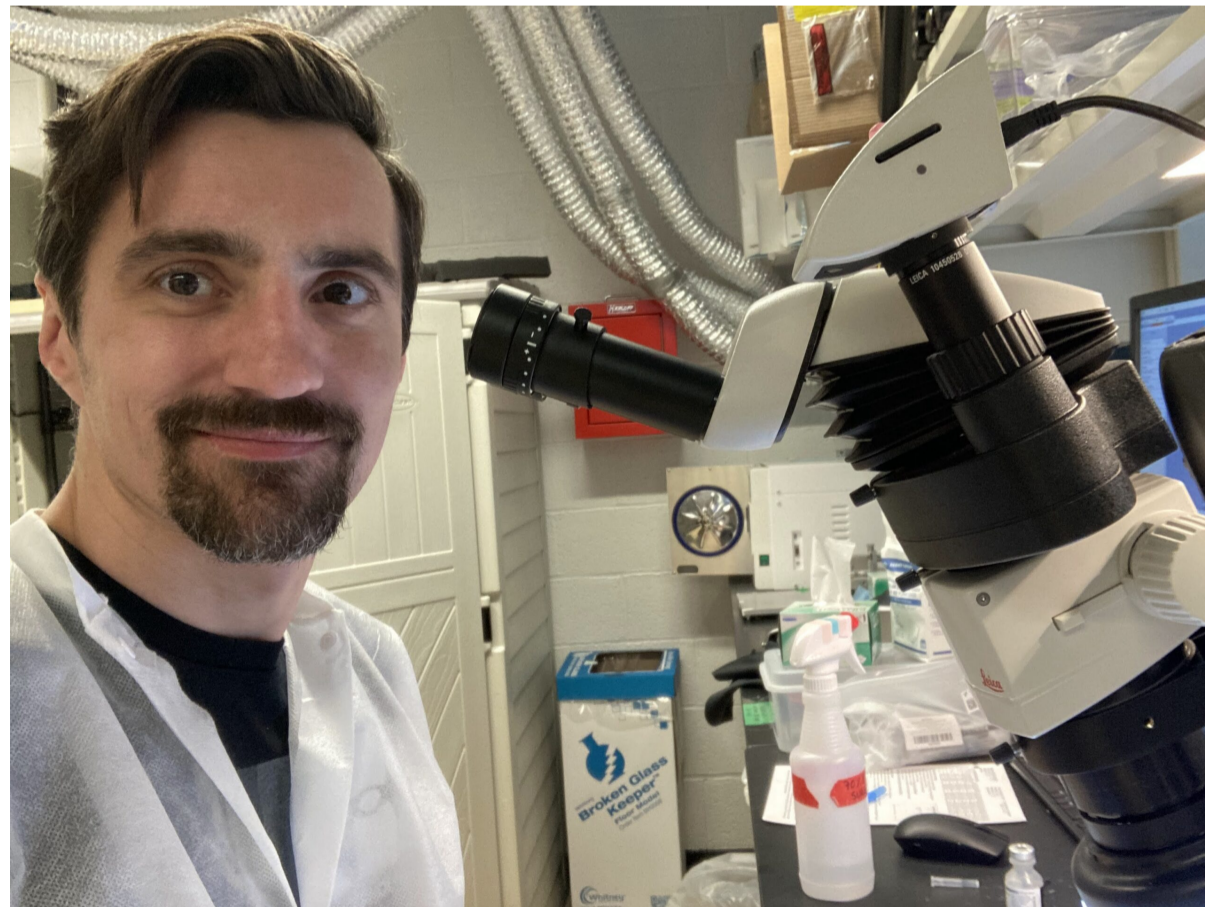
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Ukrainian Neurologist Secures Residency in the U.S.



Ihor, a former neurologist from Ukraine, faced challenges in relicensing his medical qualifications upon moving to the United States. Despite working multiple jobs, he struggled to find his career path until he discovered Upwardly Global.

With Upwardly Global's help, he obtained research experience, improved his resume, and honed his interview skills through the Residency Interview Practice

Program. Using his newfound confidence and support, Ihor secured a neurology residency at Berkshire Medical Center in Massachusetts, fulfilling his dream of practicing medicine in the U.S. His story serves as an inspiration for other internationally licensed healthcare professionals facing similar barriers. [Read Ihor's story.](#)

Volunteers Needed to Help Medical Graduates

Calling all volunteers! Sign up to help Upwardly Global International Medical Graduates (IMG's) job seekers practice for their residency interviews this fall. Doing well in these interviews is crucial to advancing in the residency process and increasing the likelihood of being matched. No prior healthcare experience needed — additional training will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Rachel Pearson at RachelP@UpwardlyGlobal.org.

Upwardly Global in the News



- [Joshua Garner](#), Upwardly Global Strategic Communications Director: **“With dreams, and caffeine, former Afghan pilot strives to bring family to US”** in **The Roanoke Times** (July 9, 2023)
- Jina Krause-Vilmar, Upwardly Global President and CEO: **“The Supreme Court’s Affirmative Action Ruling Could Impact the Pipeline of Diverse Candidates. Here’s How to Adjust”** in **Inc.** (July 11, 2023)

Info Corner

- Article: **“DHS Announces Family Reunification Parole Processes for Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras”** in **Homeland Security Today** (July 7, 2023)
- Opinion: **“The U.S. Needs More Skilled Workers. The Biden Admin Should Adopt These Simple Reforms | Opinion”** in **Newsweek** (March 31, 2023)

- Article: "[Black immigrants are growing in numbers, but in the U.S. many often feel invisible](#)" in [NPR](#) (June 4, 2023)



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Avigail Ziv Joins Upwardly Global as VP of Programs



Upwardly Global is delighted to announce that [Avigail Ziv](#) has joined the organization as Vice President of Programs. In this key leadership role, Avigail will oversee Upwardly Global's programs team, which encompasses direct service, employer engagement, product services, and special projects. With 15 years of experience leading refugee resettlement and programming to support immigrants and refugee communities, Avigail brings a wealth of expertise. [Read more about Avi.](#)

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