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Emigration is a new phenomenon in Venezuela's history and a recent fact of the 21st century. Its emergence, as well as the speed of the event and its breadth and depth, makes it a social event worthy of study. The persistent damage that this event is generating is making it the object of analysis among researchers and is calling for the need of social policy designs that would allow mitigating its negative impacts and, in any case, that could reverse them into positive impacts to the economy. Among Venezuelans who migrate, there is a significant number of individuals with the highest levels of education and professional training who represent the highly qualified workers in the country's workforce, such as university teaching staff, research scientists, and technologists. They are responsible for training future professionals, producing and transferring knowledge by creating it through research, innovation, and management of laboratories/research centres, among other professional activities that add value to their disciplines and the economy as a whole. This study focuses primarily on the exodus of researchers in the country and the objective is to estimate the effect of the emigration of Venezuelan researchers on the host societies and the limits they face to continue their research. These researchers, after emigrating, are still interested in working and maintaining a productive relationship in favour of research and technology, which could be used in the host societies. However, to achieve this, they must face a number of obstacles. One of these obstacles is invisibility.

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