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The dissertation aims to examine the factors that influence refugee entrepreneurship in US cities. Examining these factors will allow for a better understanding of conditions facilitating or hindering refugee economic integration into the local economy. The importance of the dissertation stems from a need to better understand the conditions faced by refugees today. Also, to counter the general perception of refugees as burdens on their host countries, there is a need for more evidence-based studies that demonstrate refugee economic contribution and their self-reliance strategies.