Information for prospective SAR scholars in Switzerland

You are an at-threat scholar and consider Switzerland as place to pursue your academic career in safety? The [country guide](#) and [study guide](#) provide basics on the Swiss higher education landscape.

Scholars at Risk SAR: global network and Swiss section

The New York-based organisation Scholars at Risk supports at-threat scholars (usually PhDs) by arranging placements in its global network of over 580 higher education institutions in over 40 countries. Obtaining SAR support requires a successful outcome of your application in New York ([SAR website](#)). A key element in the application is a suitable hosting arrangement. For that purpose, the SAR Switzerland member institutions with the relevant contact persons are indicated below.

**SAR Switzerland members (higher education institutions) and contact persons**

**Institute for Advanced Studies**
- [Collegium Helveticum](#): [Mario Wimmer](#), Managing Director

**ETH domain**
- [EPF Lausanne](#): [Gabriela Tejada](#), Academic Deputy, College of Humanities & [Gillian Oliveri](#), Deputy Director of International Affairs
- [ETH Zurich](#): [Anders Hagström](#), Head of International Affairs
- [Empa Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology](#): [Georg Spescha](#), Manager, Research Commission
- [PSI Paul Scherrer Institute](#): [Michèle Erat](#), Scientific Affairs Advisor, Staff of Directorate
- [WSL Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research](#): [Susanne Jost](#), Head of Human Resources & [Josaine Dingler](#), Scientific Controlling

**Universities**
- [Basel](#): [Julia Wyss](#), Research Manager, Grants Office
- [Bern](#): [Annie Cottier](#), Collaborator UniBE International
- [Fribourg](#): [Veronika Favre](#), Head International Relations Office
- [Geneva](#): [Marianne Halle](#), Integration Delegate
- [Lausanne](#): [Matthias Buess](#), Coordinator International Relations
- [Lucerne](#): [Catrin Scheiber](#), Head International Relations Office
- [Neuchâtel](#): [Audrey Muslimani](#), Academic Services
- [St Gallen](#): [Stefan Graf](#), Grants Advisor Grants Office
- [Svizzera italiana](#): [Maurizia Ruinelli](#), Collaborator International Relations and Study Abroad Service
- [Zurich](#): [Chantal Marquart](#), Project Officer Global Responsibility, Global Affairs
- [Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies IHEID](#): [Kristina Arseneau](#), Research Grants Coordinator, Research Office
- [Franklin](#): [Johanna Fassi](#), Professor in Art History and Co-Director of Scholarships Without Borders programme & [Caroline Wiedmer](#), Professor in Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies

**Universities of applied sciences & arts**
- [Bern BFH](#): [Martin Wild](#), Head of Research and Continuing Education, Department of Social Work
- [Grisons FHGR](#): [Florian Berner](#), Head of Research Office
- [Lucerne HSLU](#): [Sandra Sommer](#), Head of International Office
- [Northwestern Switzerland FHNW](#): [Barbara Bing](#), Assistant to the Standing Committee on International Affairs
- [Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences OST](#): [Stella Nicolaci](#), International Relations Manager
- [Southern Switzerland SUPSI](#): [Maria Freti](#), International Office Collaborator & [Camilla Belfiore](#), Institutional Projects and Sustainability Coordinator
- [Western Switzerland HES-SO](#): [Géraldine Sauthier](#), Deputy to the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation
- [Zurich ZHAW](#): [Sandra Nonella](#), Co-Head of International Affairs & [Manuela Rüdt](#), Project Manager Study Programme for Refugees
- [Zurich ZHdK](#): [Florence Balthasar](#), Head of International Affairs
Universities of teacher education

- **Berne, Jura, Neuchâtel BEJUNE**: Philippe Inversin, Deputy Head of Primary Education
- **Grisons PHGR**: Dinesh Rajakaruna, Head of Finance and Services
- **Lucerne PHLU**: Stefanie Rinaldi, Professor, Institute for Education in Science and Social Studies
- **Thurgau PHTG**: Gerit Jaritz, Delegate for Mobility and International Relations
- **St. Gallen PHSG**: Barabara Wolfer, Head of the Centre for Internationalisation, Mobility and External Relations
- **Zug PH Zug**: Carola Mantel, Head of the Institute for International Cooperation in Education
- **Zurich PHZH**: Andrea Piga, Deputy Head, R&D Office
- **Special Needs HfH**: Hanne Bestvater, Head of Training Centre & Peter Klaver, Head of Research and Development Centre

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