

Protection Services for SAR Network Member Institutions

The following is a summary of services and resources offered by Scholars at Risk (SAR) to SAR network member institutions, within the limits of SAR's capacity and current levels of demand for assistance. These services and resources are provided and compiled by SAR's [Protection Services](#) team, and complement other activities and resources available to SAR network member institutions through SAR's [Advocacy](#) and [Research & Learning](#) programming.

	SAR Network Members <i>Member universities, colleges, other accredited institutions of higher learning</i>	Other HEI & Organizations <i>Non-member universities, colleges, and other accredited institutions</i>	SAR Partners <i>Select regional, national, or scholar/practitioner support programs</i>
SERVICES TO SUPPORT INITIAL PLACEMENTS			
VETTING of a scholar/practitioner's academic or professional background and claims of risk to determine eligibility for placement assistance from SAR, a SAR network member institution (on special request from the member), or a SAR partner (by formal agreement). Prospective hosts seeking vetting for a scholar they would like to host may use SAR's Academic Placement application form ; for a practitioner , hosts may email sar-practitioners-inquiries@nyu.edu . SAR vetting is not required for SAR network member institutions willing to self-assess a candidate (see SAR self-assessment guidance). SAR vetting assistance is most appropriate when members (i) have no previous exposure to the candidate; (ii) the candidate's situation is novel or complex; or (iii) external vetting is necessary to satisfy funding or other necessary precondition to hosting.	✓	✗	<i>By formal agreement</i>
INITIAL MATCH-MAKING EFFORTS for first academic placements via SAR's global network (see SAR list of Scholars Seeking Placement). Eligibility for initial placement assistance depends on successful application to SAR, including SAR vetting (via SAR's Academic Placement application form). Due to limited capacity and high demand, match-making assistance cannot be offered to many qualified candidates. Acceptance for match-making assistance is a pledge by SAR to use best efforts and does not guarantee placement.	✓	✗	<i>By formal agreement</i>
FELLOWSHIP FUNDS may be available from SAR for full or partial/supplemental support of academic placements for scholars or practitioners at network member institutions. Depends on SAR review of candidate, hosting arrangement, and availability of funds, which may fluctuate and may be limited by geography, discipline, or candidate profile due to donor restrictions.	✓	✗	✗
SMALL GRANTS from SAR's Emergency Fund to support scholars and practitioners with relocation or other urgent needs. Grants for those identified, vetted, and/or hosted independently by SAR network members must be requested by the member institution's representative.	✓	✗	✗
ADVICE AND TROUBLE-SHOOTING related to placements, including on relocation, integration/adjustment, and post-placement planning. For candidates identified, vetted, and/or hosted independently by SAR network members, advice may be offered through the network member representative. Members may also approach SAR for advice for other at-risk scholars in contact with their institutions, regardless of whether these scholars are hosted on their campus.	✓	✗	✗
GUIDANCE ON SETTING UP NEW HOSTING PROGRAMS based on SAR's 25 years of experience supporting at-risk individuals via short-term placements; topics may include identification, vetting, selection criteria, services offered, arrival and adjustment, and post-visit transitions.	✓	<i>Capacity permitting</i>	<i>Capacity permitting</i>

*See our full [Membership Directory](#) here.

	SAR Network Members	Other HEI & Organizations	SAR Partners
SERVICES TO FIND FOLLOW-UP PLACEMENTS			
WORKSHOPS (IN-PERSON) on topics related to hosting scholars and practitioners, sharing experience and good practices, trouble-shooting. <i>Subject to scheduling, available funds, space, and visa or other restrictions.</i>	 <i>First priority</i>	<i>Capacity permitting</i>	<i>Capacity permitting</i>
WEBINARS for network members, hosts, and prospective hosts on hosting scholars and practitioners, sharing experience and good practices, and trouble-shooting. <i>Subject to demand, scheduling and capacity.</i>	 <i>First priority</i>	<i>Capacity permitting</i>	<i>Capacity permitting</i>
VISITING SCHOLAR/PRACTITIONER SPEAKERS for virtual or on-campus events. Speakers identified and matched with campuses through the SAR/Vivian G. Prins Speaker Series .		✕	✕
PROOFREADING of scholar/practitioner job search materials through SAR's Volunteer Proofreader Initiative . <i>Subject to scheduling, capacity, and availability of volunteers.</i>		✕	✕
NETWORKING WITH SAR ALUMNI for currently-hosted scholars/practitioners seeking individualized advice on adjustment, transition, career planning, and job searching. <i>Subject to scheduling, capacity, and availability of alumni volunteers in relevant discipline or location.</i>		✕	✕
FOLLOW-UP MATCH-MAKING EFFORTS for academic placements after an initial placement, whether organized by SAR, a SAR network member, or partner program, cannot be guaranteed. Requests for follow-up match-making efforts are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and generally require the support of the current host. Acceptance for follow-up match-making is not a guarantee of placement but a pledge by SAR to use best efforts to identify a follow-up opportunity.	 <i>Limited capacity</i>	✕	<i>By formal agreement</i>
OTHER RESOURCES			
SAR SPEAKER SERIES GUIDE with advice for network members considering or actively planning to invite SAR-assisted scholars, practitioners, or alumni for virtual or in-person events.			
SAR HOW TO HOST GUIDE with advice for network members considering or currently hosting scholars or practitioners, drawn from the experience of other SAR network members.			
SAR SCHOLAR GUIDE with advice for scholars/practitioners looking to make the most of their placement, including advice on pre-arrival, post-arrival, and post-placement transition. Based on SAR's experience of hundreds of scholar/practitioner placements.			
ACTIVITIES, NEWS, EVENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES for hosts, scholars, and practitioners, shared via SAR network communications including the SAR network newsletter (monthly), Academic Freedom Media Review (weekly), Advocacy Insider (monthly), and social media channels. (Subscribe or adjust preferences here . Some offerings may be limited to SAR network members or scholars/practitioners accepted by SAR for services.)			
EXTERNAL (NON-SAR) OPPORTUNITIES , funding, job postings, open calls, and other resources for scholars and practitioners compiled by SAR via the SAR Global Resource List . (May include country-specific opportunities in response to particular conditions.)			

Protection Services for At-Risk Scholars and Practitioners

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	SAR Vetted & Accepted <i>Scholars & practitioners vetted by SAR and accepted for placement assistance*</i>	Independently Hosted <i>Scholars & practitioners hosted by SAR members or via at-risk fellowships**</i>	SAR Alumni <i>Scholars & practitioners from first column whose term of SAR support has ended</i>	All Others <i>Scholars & practitioners who may or may not be formally recognized by SAR</i>
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SMALL GRANTS from SAR's emergency fund to support scholars and practitioners with relocating or other urgent needs. Grants for those identified, vetted, and/or hosted independently by SAR network members must be requested by the member institution's representative.	✓	Via SAR Member	×	×
ADVICE AND TROUBLE-SHOOTING related to placements, including on relocation, integration and adjustment, and post-placement planning. For candidates hosted independently, advice may be offered through the SAR member representative.	✓	Via SAR Member	✓	Capacity permitting
SERVICES TO FIND FOLLOW-UP PLACEMENTS				
WORKSHOPS (in-person) for scholars and/or practitioners on topics related to transition, career development, etc. <i>Subject to scheduling, available funds, space, and visa or other restrictions.</i>	✓	✓	✓	Capacity permitting

*See [eligibility criteria](#).

**Where SAR's role is to provide risk vetting, not placement coordination

	SAR Vetted & Accepted	Independently Hosted	SAR Alumni	All Others
WEBINARS for scholars and practitioners on topics related to transition, career development, etc. <i>Subject to scheduling and capacity.</i>	✓	✓	✓	<i>Capacity permitting</i>
SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES for virtual or on-campus events. Speakers identified and matched with campuses through the SAR/Vivian G. Prins Speaker Series .	✓	✗	✓	✗
PROOFREADING of scholar/practitioner job search materials through SAR's Volunteer Proofreader Initiative . <i>Subject to scheduling, capacity, and availability of volunteers.</i>	✓	✗	✓	✗
LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION OF RISK, INTRODUCTION, OR RECOMMENDATION for currently hosted and alumni SAR scholars for open-call opportunities, other fellowship or partner programs, immigration or visa processes, etc.	✓	✗	✓	✗
NETWORKING WITH SAR ALUMNI for currently-hosted scholars and practitioners seeking individualized advice on adjustment, transition, career planning and job searching. <i>Subject to scheduling, capacity, and availability of alumni volunteers in relevant discipline or location.</i>	✓	✗	✓	✗
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OTHER RESOURCES				
SAR SCHOLAR GUIDE with advice for scholars/practitioners looking to make the most of their placement, including advice on pre-arrival, post-arrival, and post-placement transition. Based on SAR's experience with hundreds of scholar/practitioner placements.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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