

SCHOLARS AT RISK

ACADEMIC FREEDOM LEGAL CLINICS

Training new human rights lawyers.

Scholars at Risk's (SAR) Academic Freedom Legal Clinics give students and faculty the opportunity to engage with practical and theoretical issues relating to academic freedom, responses to attacks on higher education, and related human rights advocacy.

Participants in SAR's clinics address often novel questions of national and international law, allowing SAR to deepen our substantive knowledge of country conditions and advance advocacy at the national and global levels. Clinics are generally housed in a university's law school or human rights center, led by a faculty member, and supported and overseen by SAR. Clinics may involve monitoring and reporting to SAR on attacks on higher education, legal analysis at the local, regional, or international level, or advocacy in response to particular attacks or addressing national patterns of abuse.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPACT

Interventions at the United Nations

In partnership with SAR, students make submissions to the UN, including country reports as part of the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review process, and submissions to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on behalf of imprisoned scholars. Students work with UN Special Rapporteurs on case advocacy for imprisoned scholars.

Impact Litigation in Regional and National Bodies

Clinical students prepare submissions, such as amicus briefs and similar interventions, for regional bodies including the European Court of Human Rights, and in national constitutional courts.

Academic Freedom Monitoring Project

Students monitor and report on attacks on higher education communities in partnership with the Academic Freedom Monitoring Project, a database documenting, analyzing, and tracking attacks on higher education.

Scholars at Risk Network Global Congress

Students and faculty from SAR's legal clinics present their work at the SAR Network Global Congress, an agenda-setting conference joined by network members, partners, scholars, and students to discuss academic freedom concerns and opportunities to protect threatened scholars.

INTERESTED?

To organize an Academic Freedom Legal Clinic at your institution, please contact scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu