Information for prospective SAR scholars in Switzerland

You are an at-threat scholar and consider Switzerland as a 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. Important information on Ukraine: At-threat scholars from Ukraine are not required to undergo an assessment by Scholars at Risk to be considered for a placement in Switzerland.

SAR Switzerland members (higher education institutions) and contact persons

Federal institutes of technology

- Lausanne EPFL: Antoine Fromentin, Research Associate International Affairs & Gabriela Tejada, Academic Deputy, College of Humanities
- Zurich ETHZ: Patricia Heuberger, Programme Manager International Affairs

Universities

- Basel: Hedwig J. Kaiser, Head National and International Cooperation
- Bern: Annie Cottier, Collaborator UniBE International
- Fribourg: Veronika Favre, Head International Relations Office
- Geneva: Mathieu Crettenand, Integration delegate programme Horizon Académique & Olivier Vincent, Senior Advisor Academic Networks and Projects, International Relations and Partnerships
- Lausanne: Matthias Bues, Coordinator International Relations
- Lucerne: Catrin Scheiber, Head International Relations Office
- Neuchâtel: Luc Gauthier, Research and Innovation Advisor
- St Gallen: Stefan Graf, Grants Advisor Grants Office
- Swizzera Italiana: Maurizia Ruinelli, Collaborator International Relations and Study Abroad Service
- Zurich: Sara Elmer, Programme Manager International Relations Office
- Franklin: Johanna Fassl, 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

- Bern BFH: Corina Caduff, Vice-Rector Research & Martin Wild, Head of Research and Continuing Education, Department of Social Work
- Lucerne HSLU: Nicolas Schulthess, Head of Research, Higher Education Development and University Services
- Northwestern Switzerland FHNW: Robert Buttery, Head of International Relations & Barbara Binz, Assistant to the Standing Committee on International Affairs
- Southern Switzerland SUPSI: Pamela Valeggia, Head of General Management Services & Camilla Belfiore, Institutional Projects and Sustainability Coordinator
- Western Switzerland HES-SO: Luna Iacopini, Head International Affairs
- Zurich ZHAW: Waseem Hussain, Head International Office
- Zurich ZHdK: Florence Balthasar, Head of International Affairs

Universities of teacher education

- Grisons PHGR: Dinesh Rajakaruna, Head of Finance and Services
- Lucerne PHLU: Stefanie Rinaldi, Lecturer and Researcher, Executive Department of International Relations, Mobility and Cooperations
- Thurgau PHTG: Gerit Jaritz, Delegate for Mobility and International Relations
- Zug PH Zug: Carola Mantel, Head of the Institute for International Cooperation in Education
- Zurich PHZH: Dominik Allenspach, Scientific Advisor Research and Development

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