

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. **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

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- **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 Buess](#), Coordinator International Relations
- **Lucerne:** [Catrin Scheiber](#), Head International Relations Office
- **Neuchâtel:** [Luc Gauthier](#), Research and Innovation Advisor
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- **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 Vallenggia](#), 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
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