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

**ETH domain**
- **EPF Lausanne**: [Antoine Fromentin](#), Research Associate International Affairs & [Gabriela Tejada](#), Academic Deputy, College of Humanities
- **ETH Zurich**: [Patricia Heuberger](#), Programme Manager International Affairs
- **Eawag Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology**: [Rik Eggen](#), Deputy Director
- **Empa Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology**: [Georg Spescha](#), Manager, Research Commission
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**Universities**
- **Basel**: [Hedwig J. Kaiser](#), Head National and International Cooperation
- **Bern**: [Annie Cottier](#), Collaborator UniBE International
- **Fribourg**: [Veronica Favre](#), Head International Relations Office
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**Universities of applied sciences & arts**
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- **Grisons FHGR**: [Andreas Deuber](#), Head of Internationalisation and University Cooperation
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- **Northwestern Switzerland** FHNW: [Barbara Binz](#), Assistant to the Standing Committee on International Affairs
- **Southern Switzerland** SUPSI: [Pamela Valezgsia](#), Head of General Direction Services / Head of International Office & [Camilla Belfiore](#), Institutional Projects and Sustainability Coordinator
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