Information for prospective SAR scholars in Switzerland

You are a scholar at threat, considering Switzerland as place to pursue your academic career in a safe environment? These websites provide some basics on the Swiss higher education landscape: country guide and study guide.

Scholars at Risk SAR: global network and Swiss section

The organisation Scholars at Risk, based in New York, does provide support for scholars at threat (usually with a PhD) by arranging placements in its global network of more than 500 higher education institutions in 42 countries. Qualifying for SAR support requires a successful outcome of your application to SAR in New York (SAR website). A key element in the application is a suitable arrangement at a hosting institution. 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.

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