

SCHOLARS AT RISK

NETWORK



protection



advocacy



learning

ENGAGING YOUR CAMPUS

PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE ROLE

When a new member joins the SAR network, they designate a primary representative to communicate with the SAR office, partner network, or SAR section (if applicable), and other SAR members and affiliates, including receiving information about scholars seeking temporary assistance and coordinating network activities. The primary representative is responsible for sharing information about opportunities for institutional, faculty, or student involvement in SAR activities and events with their campus community. This can include forwarding SAR newsletters to campus human rights centers, or sharing the Student Advocacy Seminar handbook with service learning centers. Primary representatives are encouraged to collaborate with SAR staff, where relevant, in assembling panels or other forms of conference participation, as well as contributing to the work of their SAR national section where it exists, and helping to assemble a SAR section where it does not.

FORMING LOCAL COMMITTEES

Members are encouraged to establish a local committee to oversee and energize the institution's participation. This may be a new or an existing committee tasked with SAR responsibilities, such as an existing committee on international studies or human rights. It is helpful to include members from different departments and areas within the institution and community, as this generally makes the committee more visible and effective. SAR committees often review lists of candidates who are seeking assistance, evaluate possible matches, and plan for a scholar's visit. They also educate their community about the importance of academic freedom by planning lectures, panels or other activities. The time commitment will vary depending on the activities a committee chooses to pursue. SAR staff are happy to discuss how to go about forming a committee.

TAKE ACTION: GETTING INVOLVED

Participation in any specific SAR activity is at the discretion of the institution through its representative. SAR provides opportunities for members to engage at all levels, including:

- **Host lectures, panels and other events**, including *SAR Speaker Series* events, featuring SAR scholars.
- **Advocate on behalf of imprisoned, detained or unjustly prosecuted scholars** through the *Scholars-in-Prison Project* or through a faculty-led *Student Advocacy Seminar*.
- **Share reports** of attacks on higher education with SAR to include in the *Academic Freedom Monitoring Project*.
- **Host threatened scholars** as temporary visitors, students, researchers, or professors.
- **Organize a workshop** with SAR staff on *Promoting Values in Higher Education* to foster on-campus dialogue around issues of academic freedom, free speech, social responsibility, and more.
- **Participate in SAR conferences** on academic freedom, university autonomy and related education issues.
- **Offer student internship and alumni opportunities** via events, SAR monitoring work, and scholar mentorship.
- **Help shape SAR's priorities** by contributing to the SAR national section (or the formation of one).