Getting Involved
The NeTwork
Scholars at Risk (SAR) is an international network of institutions and individuals whose mission is to protect scholars and promote academic freedom.

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Archaeology

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The Opportunities

Membership
Member organizations make a commitment to academic freedom, designate a SAR representative, and contribute an annual membership subscription.

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Protection
Hosting threatened scholars for temporary teaching, research, or study visits
Referring scholars to the network for assessment, referrals, or transition assistance

Advocacy
Engaging students in Student Advocacy Seminars & Legal Clinics to conduct real-world research and advocacy
Supporting imprisoned scholars & students through global campaigns
Conducting research for SAR’s Academic Freedom Monitoring Project

Learning
Attending conferences, workshops, and trainings
Inviting SAR scholars to campus to share their stories
Joining research groups on pressing issues facing the global higher education community
Co-organizing workshops and online courses on Promoting Higher Education Values

The Scholars
SAR provides sanctuary and assistance to more than 300 threatened scholars worldwide each year.

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Scholar Countries of Origin

TURKEY 52%
SYRIA 20%

Risks Frequently Reported by Scholars*

• Threat of arrest or violence
• General situational risk
• Loss of position
• Harassment & intimidation
• Prosecution
• Other

*Note that scholars often report experiencing multiple risks.
Scholars at Risk is a global movement to protect everyone’s freedom to think, question, and share ideas.

**Protection**
- **Hosting**
  - SAR informs the network of scholars facing threats. As they are able, members welcome scholars for visits (usually for a year). These scholars enrich their host communities through teaching, research, mentoring, and study.

- **Advice & Assistance**
  - SAR assists scholars facing immediate danger in their home countries and provides advice and referrals to refugee scholars.

- **Transition**
  - Some scholars hosted by members face long-term risks. SAR works with these scholars to plan their next steps, including future placements and referrals for additional professional or legal support.

- **Return**
  - SAR scholars hope to return safely to their home countries. Those whose risks have subsided frequently do so, and they retain a lifelong connection to their host institution.

**Advocacy**
- **Scholars in Prison Project Campaigns**
  - SAR raises awareness of and garners support for scholars and students in prison or facing other threats.

- **Student Advocacy Seminars & Legal Clinics**
  - Guided by faculty, students research & conduct advocacy related to imprisoned scholars & attacks on higher education.

- **Academic Freedom Monitoring Project**
  - Researchers work with SAR to document and analyze attacks on higher education, including physical violence, imprisonment, prosecution, and restrictions on travel.

**Learning**
- **Publications**
  - SAR reports and publications, such as *Free to Think*, encourage international dialogue on higher education values and related issues.

- **Speaker Series**
  - Members invite SAR scholars to campus to share their academic work and stories of courage and perseverance.

- **Conferences**
  - At SAR’s biennial Global Congress, members come together and share best practices for protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom.

- **Workshops**
  - SAR members co-organize and attend workshops for faculty, researchers, staff, and students on promoting core higher education values.

- **Working Groups**
  - SAR coordinates working groups on academic freedom-related research and other issues facing the global higher education community.

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FOUNDING STATEMENT OF THE SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

RECOGNIZING the central importance of scholarship, academic freedom, and higher education for the promotion and protection of peaceful, democratic societies; recognizing that academic communities worldwide, including scholars, administrators, students, and their institutions, have long been targets of attack by agents seeking to curtail expression, silence dissent, and control the flow of information in society; recognizing that such attacks, against any member of the global academic community, threaten the common educational mission of every member of that community; recognizing the shared responsibility of all scholars, administrators, students and their institutions to join in solidarity in defense of their colleagues; and further recognizing that past and ongoing efforts to meet that responsibility on an individual, ad hoc, or emergency basis, despite much success, have failed to eliminate the need for common action, we RESOLVE that there should be established a permanent network of universities, colleges and similar centers of research, study and teaching; that this network, in collaboration with like-minded institutions, groups and individuals, should dedicate itself to protecting the fundamental human rights of scholars and other members of the global academic community, including among them independent scholars, public intellectuals, writers, artists, and others engaged in the discovery, development and strengthening of the community of ideas; that among its activities, this network should devote its greatest energies to assisting scholars facing the most grave threats to their being and to their profession, including but not limited to threats resulting from displacement, discrimination, censorship, intimidation, harassment, and violence; that where these threats are of such gravity that other forms of assistance would prove ineffective or insufficient, the network should endeavor to provide positions of personal and professional sanctuary within its membership; and that although temporary, the design of these positions should be such as to assist scholars in resuming their careers; RESOLVE that this network should in addition charge itself with raising awareness, understanding of and respect for academic freedom (including its constituent freedoms of expression, opinion, and thought), higher education, scholarship, and the free exchange of ideas; promoting intervention and advocacy in defense of academic freedom and the human rights of scholars; and otherwise undertaking such activities as the network and its membership may in due course deem appropriate; and RESOLVE that this network should be known as the Scholars at Risk Network, and thereafter PLEDGE to support this network by receiving, disseminating and sharing information about the network, its aims and activities; by participating in activities to raise awareness and understanding of attacks on members of the academic community; and by encouraging the participation of colleagues and institutions in the network including, but not limited to, promoting where possible efforts to assist scholars at risk through provision of temporary academic positions or other suitable assistance.


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