

SCHOLARS AT RISK

STUDENT ADVOCACY SEMINARS

Empowering the next generation of academic freedom advocates.

Scholars at Risk's (SAR) Student Advocacy Seminars provide university and college students with the opportunity to develop human rights research and advocacy skills by investigating and acting in support of threatened members of the global higher education community. Arranged and supervised by local faculty in partnership with SAR, each seminar takes on the case of one or more scholars facing unjust restrictions, prosecution, or imprisonment.



JOIN US FOR STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY

At this annual summit in Washington, D.C., typically held in March/April, students and faculty participate in a day of leadership and advocacy training with human rights professionals, followed by a day of advocacy. Students meet with Members of Congress and embassies to ask officials to take action on behalf of imprisoned scholars. (Workshops will be held online when health and travel restrictions require.)

INTERESTED? To organize a Student Advocacy Seminar at your institution, contact scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Human Rights Research, Standards & Mechanisms

Students begin the seminar by conducting case and country research, discussing human rights mechanisms and standards, and speaking with regional experts, individuals closely connected to a case, or SAR scholars.

Organizing, Campaigning & Advocacy

Students bring attention to their cases by organizing campus events and petitioning tables, speaking to other classes, and organizing social media campaigns.

Persuasive Writing & Speaking

Students become strong advocates for their scholars in prison by giving presentations, writing letters to government officials, meeting with their university presidents, placing op-eds in campus and local papers, and making submissions to the United Nations.

Leadership & Teamwork Skills

Students utilize their strengths as a team by brainstorming strategic advocacy, outlining an advocacy plan, dividing assignments, partnering with other student groups and departments, and collaborating with Student Advocacy Seminars at other campuses.