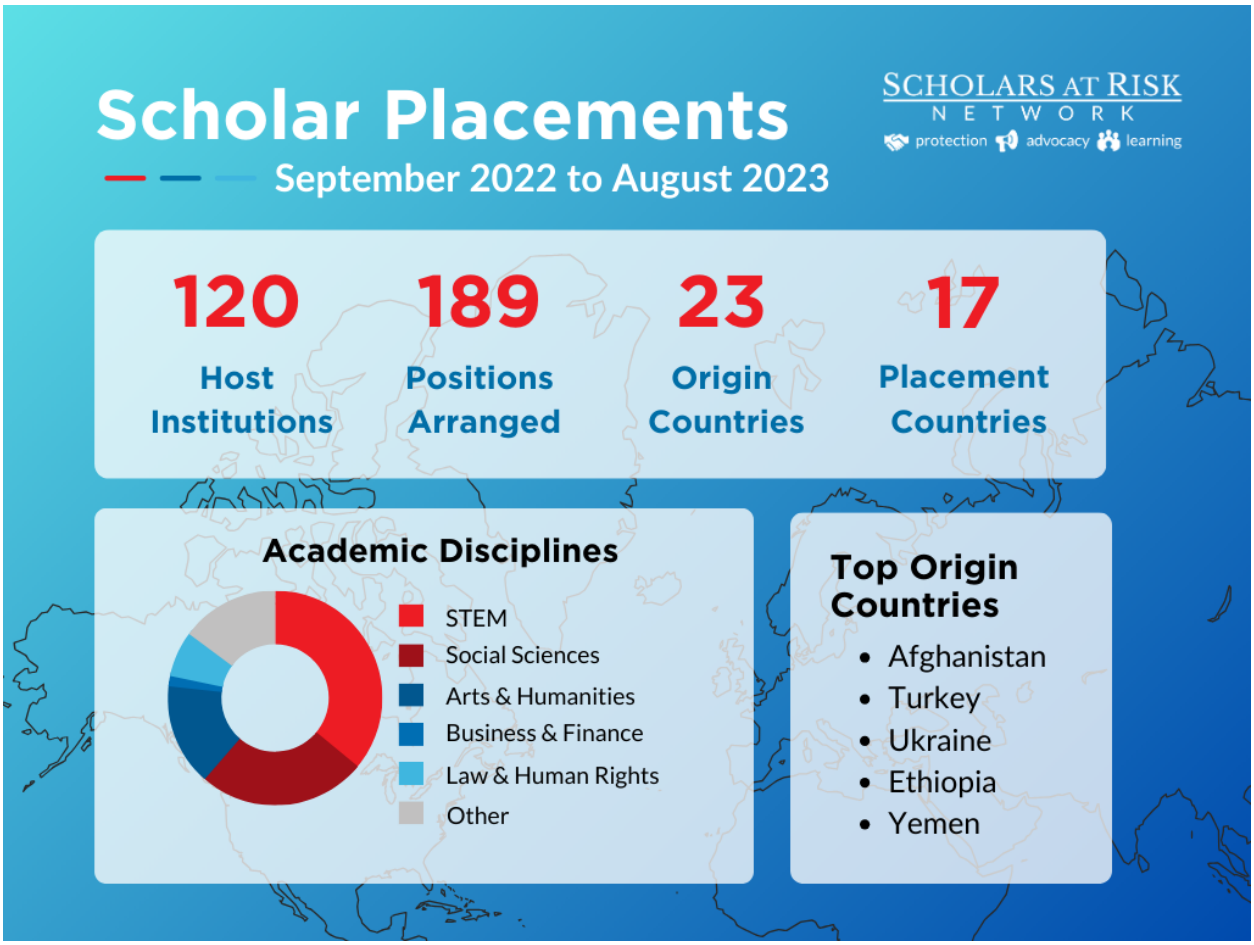
September 2023

An unprecedented year for the SAR Network



Thank you to the SAR Network for an incredible year of solidarity — an inspiring affirmation of collective purpose and demonstrated commitment to threatened scholars everywhere. In response to the ever growing demand for assistance, the SAR Network created an unprecedented 189 academic visiting positions in partnership with 120 institutions across the

globe. Germany, the United States, Canada, Switzerland, and Norway stand out in hosting the most SAR positions this year.

Despite continued challenges, including restrictive visa and travel policies, member institutions have remained steadfast in their efforts to invite scholars to campus, employing flexible and creative approaches to identify resources and respond to the individual needs of each scholar. The Network continues to welcome scholars representing a wide range of academic disciplines and lived experiences from around the globe, including Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Nigeria, and Ukraine, among other countries where scholars face threats to their academic freedom. With the commemoration of nearly a decade of civil war this September, scholars from Yemen are seeking network support now more than ever, joined by threatened scholars in Iran, where state repression reaches deeper into the higher education space one year since the death of Mahsa Amini and the brave protests that followed.

SAR welcomes all expressions of hosting interest and invites institutions to review the list of scholars seeking placements, in particular the scholars from Yemen and Iran listed below. Please email hostingatSAR@nyu.edu if you would like to learn about any of the candidates.

Shape the SAR Network with your feedback

The 2023 SAR Membership survey is now live and open until Sept 30th. If you are a primary representative for a SAR network member institution, or work closely with SAR scholars on your campus, feedback from you and your colleagues is invaluable for improving programming and member services, and shaping the direction of the network.

Thank you for your input—and we look forward to sharing your anonymized insights with the broader network soon. **Take the survey »**

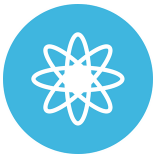
Scholars seeking hosts

SAR scholars are at-risk higher education professionals who exemplify the pursuit of academic freedom, freedom of expression, and university values. If your institution is interested in hosting a SAR scholar, please email hostingatSAR@nyu.edu.

Scholars from Iran seeking hosts:

A Scholar of Literature

This scholar of English literature has ten years of university experience in Iran and recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Canada where she studied post-war American novels and youth culture. Her research interests include 19th century English Romanticism, contemporary American literature, and cultural and gender studies. This scholar reports gender-based discrimination and dismissal from her university position in Iran due to her participation in the Women, Life, Freedom movement. She is currently in Canada and is seeking research or teaching opportunities there beginning immediately. (Iran-900)



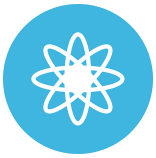
A Scholar of Physics

This scholar of nuclear physics has a strong research background focusing on the quantum properties of nuclear isotopes. She has over ten years of academic experience in Iran and Sweden, where she recently held a visiting post researching the structure of high-spin rotational bands in 137Nd and isomeric states in Osmium isotopes. This scholar reports harassment and intimidation in Iran due to her academic specialization and the pressure she has received to collaborate with authorities. She is currently in Sweden and seeking research or teaching opportunities there beginning immediately. (Iran-901)

A Scholar of Political Science

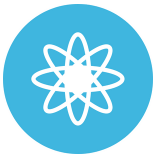
This scholar of political science specializes in the intersection of politics and religion. Over her 10 years of academic experience in Iran, she has focused her work on Islamic political thought, politics, and government in the Middle East, and Islamic law and human/women's rights, with a recent emphasis on gender equality in Islam. She reports interrogation, threats of arrest, intimidation and surveillance in connection with her active participation in the Women, Life Freedom movement in Iran and is seeking teaching or research opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Iran-904)

Scholars from Yemen seeking hosts:



A Scholar of Veterinary Science

This early-career scholar of veterinary science specializes in pathology, histopathology, and livestock. He has a year of teaching and research experience at academic institutions in the Middle East and Africa and has published numerous articles in international peer-reviewed journals. This scholar reports loss of position and threats due to the ongoing, situational violence in Yemen. He seeks a position in a safe location beginning immediately. (Yemen-638)



A Scholar of Environment and Food Chemistry

This scholar specializes in environmental and food chemistry focusing his research most recently on the micronutrient and elemental analyses of various food products, principally maple syrup, and the implementation and design of novel maple syrup adulteration detection methods. He has several years of university-level lecturing and publishing experience at Yemeni academic institutions and most recently in Canada. He reports general, situational risk due to the ongoing civil war in Yemen and direct threats of violence after relocating from Yemen. He is seeking research opportunities in Canada beginning immediately.
(Yemen-695)

A Scholar of Linguistics

This scholar of applied linguistics and English has over 15 years of university experience in Yemen and Jordan. His research interests include teacher education in conflict zones, language pedagogy in tertiary education, and the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in foreign language instruction. He reports risk due to the ongoing conflict in Yemen and the direct threats he has received related to his work in English language learning. This scholar

is currently in Jordan and is seeking teaching or research opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Yemen-751)

SEE ALL SCHOLARS >

SAR and the Gerda Henkel Foundation extend assistance to at-risk scholars from Sudan

Scholars at Risk is pleased to announce a new partnership to assist at-risk scholars from Sudan, where the recent conflict is posing immense challenges for the research and higher education sector already burdened by prior years of disruptions. A generous gift of € 100,000 from the Gerda Henkel Foundation, a leader in supporting the humanities, cultural heritages, and patrimonies, will facilitate SAR fellowships and urgent assistance grants to support at-risk colleagues in getting to safety, resuming their work, and preparing to return their research and teaching capacity to Sudanese institutions as soon as conditions permit.

National SAR sections, SAR member institutions, and scholars interested in hosting or otherwise supporting at-risk researchers from Sudan are encouraged to learn more on the SAR website.
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As part of the EU-funded MSCA4Ukraine project, coordinated by SAR Europe, the European University Association, will host a webinar on **September 19th at 2pm CEST** highlighting the role displaced researchers from Ukraine can play in strengthening the country's research and

innovation sector. The webinar will share concrete cases of how MSCA4Ukraine fellows continue their research between their host and home institutions, providing a blueprint for researchers and host organisations who wish to strengthen links with Ukraine's higher education and research institutions. **Register here »**

SAR is hiring for open positions!

Join SAR's Development Team
SAR is seeking candidates to apply for an open Development Officer, Grants Management position. The Development Officer will work with SAR's Executive Director to strengthen relationships with key institutional funders, research new partners, and support all of SAR's fundraising goals. **Read more and apply »**

Join SAR's Membership Team
SAR is seeking candidates to apply for an open Junior Research Scientist/Associate position. The Associate will work to develop university engagement in all areas of SAR programming including protection of threatened scholars and related country conditions research; advocacy for threatened scholars; and research, trainings, and publications on academic freedom and related higher education values. **Read more and apply »**

SAR has issued calls for applications for Regional Director and Host Institution roles that will lead and support regional coalitions in organizing and executing academic freedom promotion and

advocacy activities in the Americas (in partnership with the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas; October 1 deadline), Southeast Asia (October 1 deadline), and Africa (October 4 deadline). These regional coalitions will build community and solidarity around a unifying cause, design and lead responsive and proactive advocacy efforts, and link up with other regional and international groups, networks, and institutions in ways that bolster a stronger global movement to safeguard academic freedom. SAR encourages applications from individuals and institutions in higher education and human rights that wish to take on leading roles in academic freedom advocacy and movement-building.

If you have any questions about the application calls or would like to recommend candidates, please contact Daniel Munier, SAR's Program Manager for Regional Coalitions.
Read more and apply »

Scholars at Risk (SAR) announces a call for applications for five remote research fellowships for early career researchers who investigate academic freedom issues and/or related higher education values. The fellowship program, made possible by the generous support of and partnership with the Mellon Foundation, is intended to provide support for a professional community of researchers who wish to develop and share related work leading to the completion of a formal written publication, a new course offering, workshop, webinar or other significant end product.

Over the course of the 8-month program from November 2023 to June 2024, fellows will complete their proposed project and participate in monthly remote workshop sessions to present their work and offer peer feedback. During the latter part of the program, they will prepare and deliver an online talk or presentation of their work for SAR staff, network members, and/or guests (with appropriate security accommodations, as necessary). Fellows will receive a stipend of ~USD $8,000 intended to cover research expenses, publication, or other costs and will have the opportunity to gain exposure to SAR's programming and network with SAR partner-experts on academic freedom issues. Learn about the 2022-2023 cohort of Mellon/SAR Academic Freedom Fellows here.

Read more and apply »

Support SAR today

Support human rights and stand in solidarity with at-risk scholars around the world. Your contribution helps promote their indispensable scholarship and allows us to advocate on their behalf, preserving everyone's right to think, question, and share ideas. **Give today »**

SELECT OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

See a full list of scholar resources on SAR's website

SCHOLARS AT RISK
DENMARK SECTION

SARU Fellowships, Denmark | Deadline: September 24, 2023

Universities Denmark (Danske Universiteter) is calling for applications for the SARU-Fellowship Programme, designed to support researchers at risk from Ukrainian universities.The SARU fellowship program is supported by the Carlsberg Foundation and enables 8 researchers affected by the war in Ukraine to continue their academic research in a secure and international environment at Danish universities.
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The Digital Scholars Initiative, Vassar College, New York | Deadline: Rolling basis; recommended by September 29, 2023

The Digital Scholars Teaching Fellowship is a virtual “residency” program and teaching fellowship that pairs displaced scholars (teaching virtually) with Vassar faculty members (teaching in-person). Scholars offer guest lectures in Vassar courses and are introduced to the structure of a liberal arts classroom. Specific areas of interest include (but are certainly not limited to) translation, Latin American studies, and religion and gender.
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Systems and Engineering Science Doctorate programme

Systems and Engineering Science Doctorate (SEED) Programme, LUT University, Finland | Deadline: September 30, 2023

LUT University in Finland has opened a second call for their Systems and Engineering Doctorate (SEED) programme. The programme offers 8 fully-funded doctoral positions, each for a duration of 4 years, in engineering fields relevant to addressing global challenges. Current openings include the fields of technical physics, software engineering, chemical engineering, industrial engineering & management (IEM), and separation science.

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Call for applications: Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP), Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Columbia University | Deadline: October 15, 2023

This program is designed for human rights activists working with NGOs. Participants are selected on the basis of their work experience in human rights, commitment to the human rights field, and demonstrated ability to pursue graduate-level studies. Applicants holding full-time jobs pursuing their advocacy efforts are preferred.

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The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, Washington DC | Deadline: October 31, 2023

The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program offers democracy activists, journalists, civil society leaders, and scholars from around the world the opportunity to spend five months in residence at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), in Washington, D.C., in order to undertake independent research on democracy in a particular country or region.

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EVENTS

SAR in Rotterdam, the Netherlands for the 33rd Annual EAIE Conference and Exhibition I September 26-29, 2023

SAR staff members Sarah Field, Joel Hanisek, and Phoebe Alpern will represent Scholars at Risk at the EAIE 33rd annual conference and exhibition from September 26-29 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Contact us at phoebe.alpern@nyu.edu to schedule a meeting or stop by our booth, A52, anytime during the conference. See you there!

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2nd Regional Conference on Academic Freedom in the Americas, Brazil | November 9-10, 2023

Join us November 9-10 online and in Curitiba, Brazil, for the Second Regional Conference on Academic Freedom in the Americas, organized by the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA) and hosted by Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná-PUCPR.
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Carleton University

Scholars At Risk Summit: Freedom to Think, Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada | November 20-21, 2023

The Scholars at Risk Summit will provide a forum for understanding global threats to academic freedom, for documenting the consequences of these threats, for proposing credible pathways to defend intellectual independence and university autonomy, and for providing support for scholars forced to flee their homelands. Scholars from a variety of disciplines, as well as other contributors from universities, governments, NGOs, and the wider community, are encouraged to join. **Read more »**

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