Information for prospective SAR scholars in Switzerland

You are an at-threat scholar and consider Switzerland as place to pursue your academic career in safety? The country guide and study guide provide basics on the Swiss higher education landscape.

Scholars at Risk SAR: global network and Swiss section

The New York-based organisation Scholars at Risk supports at-threat scholars (usually PhDs) by arranging placements in its global network of over 580 higher education institutions in over 40 countries. Obtaining SAR support requires a successful outcome of your application in New York (SAR website). A key element in the application is a suitable hosting arrangement. For that purpose, the SAR Switzerland member institutions with the relevant contact persons are indicated below.

SAR Switzerland members (higher education institutions) and contact persons

Institute for Advanced Studies

Collegium Helveticum: Mario Wimmer, Managing Director

ETH domain

- EPF Lausanne: Gabriela Tejada, Academic Deputy, College of Humanities
- ETH Zurich: Anders Hagström, Head of International Affairs
- Empa Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology: Georg Spescha, Manager, Research Commission
- PSI Paul Scherrer Institute: Michèle Erat, Scientific Affairs Advisor, Staff of Directorate
- WSL Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research: Susanne Jost, Head of Human Resources & Josaine Dingler, Scientific Controlling

Universities

- Basel: Julia Wyss, Research Manager, Grants Office
- Bern: Annie Cottier, Collaborator UniBE International
- Fribourg: Veronika Favre, Head International Relations Office
- Geneva: Marianne Halle, Integration Delegate
- Lausanne: Matthias Buess, Coordinator International Relations
- Lucerne: Catrin Scheiber, Head International Relations Office
- Neuchâtel: Audrey Muslimani, Academic Services
- St Gallen: Stefan Graf, Grants Advisor Grants Office
- Svizzera italiana: Maurizia Ruinelli, Collaborator International Relations and Study Abroad Service
- Zurich: Chantal Marquart, Project Officer Global Responsibility, Global Affairs
- Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies IHEID: Kristina Arseneau, Research Grants Coordinator, Research Office
- Franklin: Johanna Fassl, Professor in Art History and Co-Director of Scholarships Without Borders programme & Caroline Wiedmer, Professor in Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies

Universities of applied sciences & arts

- Bern BFH: Martin Wild, Head of Research and Continuing Education, Department of Social Work
- Grisons FHGR: Andreas Deuber, Head of Internationalisation and University Cooperation
- Lucerne HSLU: Nicolas Schulthess, Head of Research, Higher Education Development and University Services
- Northwestern Switzerland FHNW: Barbara Binz, Assistant to the Standing Committee on International Affairs
- Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences OST: Stella Nicolaci, International Relations Manager
- Southern Switzerland SUPSI: Maria Freti, International Office Collaborator & Camilla Belfiore, Institutional Projects and Sustainability Coordinator
- Western Switzerland HES-SO: Luna Iacopini, Head International Affairs
- Zurich ZHAW: Sandra Nonella, Co-Head of International Affairs & Manuela Rüdt, Project Manager Study Programme for Refugees
- Zurich ZHdK: Florence Balthasar, Head of International Affairs
Universities of teacher education
- **Berne, Jura, Neuchâtel BEJUNE**: Philippe Inversin, Deputy Head of Primary Education
- **Grisons PHGR**: Dinesh Rajakaruna, Head of Finance and Services
- **Lucerne PHLU**: Stefanie Rinaldi, Professor, Institute for Education in Science and Social Studies
- **Thurgau PHTG**: Gerit Jaritz, Delegate for Mobility and International Relations
- **St.Gallen PHSG**: Barbara Wolfer, Head of the Centre for Internationalisation, Mobility and External Relations
- **Zug PH Zug**: Carola Mantel, Head of the Institute for International Cooperation in Education
- **Zurich PHZH**: Andrea Piga, Deputy Head, R&D Office
- **Special Needs HfH**: Hanne Bestvater, Head of Training Centre & Peter Klaver, Head of Research and Development Centre

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