



Best practices for assisting record numbers of threatened scholars



As SAR members, you are on the front-lines of assisting the record numbers of scholars who are reaching out for assistance. **This past year, SAR members proved their commitment to responding to the crisis of attacks on higher education communities by offering to host more threatened scholars than ever before. Thank you!**

Facing an unprecedented demand for SAR's services (compared with this time last year, we're receiving, on average, double the monthly applications), SAR is working diligently to prioritize the case assessments of scholars in the most urgent situations and those for whom host institutions have been identified.

We recommend the following steps to help us in our goal of assisting as many scholars as possible at this time:

1. If you are contacted by a scholar seeking assistance, please direct these scholars to apply to SAR at www.scholarsatrisk.org/secure-submission or apply.scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu. Further information specific to applicants from Turkey is available at www.scholarsatrisk.org/information-applicants-turkey.

2. If your institution is aware of a scholar who has applied to SAR and is interested in hosting that scholar, please let us know by writing to apply.scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu so that we can keep you updated on the case.
3. If you aren't familiar with SAR's assessment process and want to learn more, check out our [How to Host handbook](#), which includes a description of the process on pg. 16-18.
4. As always, please let us know if your institution is interested in hosting a scholar! Knowing about your interest helps us to match applicants with hosts more quickly.

Thank you for all of the support you have already given to threatened scholars!

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Student Internship Opportunity

SAR seeks a dedicated, detail-oriented intern with excellent writing and research skills to join SAR's Advocacy team for Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017.

This position is based remotely, outside of the SAR office, and applications are welcomed from any location. Priority is given to students from SAR member institutions, and this opportunity is ideal for former participants in SAR Student Advocacy Seminars who are interested in deepening their understanding of academic freedom advocacy. This position reports to SAR's Advocacy and Communications Program Officer and SAR's Advocacy Director. Internships are unpaid.

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Scholars of the Week

If your university is interested in learning more about hosting a scholar, please [contact us](#) for more information.

SYRI-622 (Linguistics): This scholar has several years of experience lecturing at a university in Syria on topics including Semitic languages, English language and linguistics, and phonology. He has authored journal articles and edited numerous books in the field. This scholar faces risk due to the ongoing situation in Syria and his status as an academic. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities in Europe beginning immediately.

DRCO-570 (Political Science; Sociology): This scholar has more than a decade of experience teaching at a university in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Specializing in conflict resolution and human rights, this scholar also has significant research experience in universities and NGOs and has authored several articles on peace and conflict in Africa. He faces threats to his life due to the content of his academic work. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities in French-speaking Africa, Europe, or North America beginning immediately.

ETHI-589 (Geography): This scholar specializes in urban geography and development studies and has over a decade of teaching experience at universities in Ethiopia, Norway, and the US. He has practical experience working on local research projects using GIS technology and has published many articles on urban geography in Ethiopia. He faced threats to his life in Ethiopia due to the content of his academic work. This scholar is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities in the US beginning immediately.

UKRA-513 (Chemistry): This junior scholar specializes in analytical chemistry, chemical kinetics, thermodynamics, and catalysis, and has some experience teaching at the university level in Ukraine. He has published several articles in international journals and has two years of experience conducting field research in Spain and Ukraine. He faces risk due to the ongoing situation in Ukraine. This scholar is seeking research opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately.

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

Upcoming Events



Workshop on Academic Freedom | Oct. 20 - 21 | Accra, Ghana

Jesse Levine, SAR's Senior Advocacy Officer, will present on the SAR Academic Freedom Monitoring Project at a workshop on Academic Freedom For Leaders Of University Teachers Associations in West Africa.

German Rectors' Conference (HRK) General Assembly | Nov. 7 - 8 | Mainz, Germany



Following up on the successful launch of the SAR Germany Section on September 20th, SAR's Rose Anderson will be present to share information about SAR and answer questions.

International Education Week | Nov. 14 - 18 | United States



SAR members throughout the United States will celebrate International Education Week by welcoming SAR scholars to campus for lectures and classroom discussions.

[All Events »](#)

Academic Freedom Media Review

Each week, SAR compiles articles pertaining to academic freedom and higher education communities worldwide. Here are the most-read articles this month. [Read the full review.](#)

Turkish Prisons Are Filled With Professors - Like My Father

Aleppo University under rebel attack

'Wonderful to be home' says freed academic Homa Hoodfar

Merve Reyhan Kayikci,
Huffington Post, 10/11

My father, a professor at Sakarya University for 16 years, is among nearly 2,500 academics who were dismissed and arrested in connection to the failed coup attempt on July 15.

ARA News, 10/04

Syrian rebels struck Aleppo University with rockets on Tuesday. Local sources reported that the missiles had killed and wounded a number of civilians.

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BBC, 09/29

An Iranian-Canadian academic recently released from more than three months of detention in Iran said on Thursday that "it's wonderful to be home".

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