

Global network

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

SAR has enjoyed consultative status with UNESCO since 2012.

SAR counts over 500 member institutions worldwide that are actively engaged in:

- Protection – hosting threatened scholars on temporary teaching, research or study visits
- Advocacy – raising awareness of and speaking out against attacks on higher education communities
- Learning – empowering scholars and students to promote academic freedom and other higher education values

**You can contact
the Scholars at Risk
Swiss section**

[www.scholarsatrisk.org/
sections/sar-switzerland](http://www.scholarsatrisk.org/sections/sar-switzerland)

**Support
for scholars
whose lives
are at risk**

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Swiss section

Federal institutes of technology:
ETH Zurich and EPFL

Cantonal universities:
Bern, Fribourg, Geneva,
Lausanne, Lugano, Lucerne,
Neuchâtel and Zurich

Universities of applied sciences:
Bern BFH and HES-SO

Universities of teacher
education: Lucerne and Thurgau

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of Arts and Sciences.

Get engaged

**We are seeking cooperation with
higher education institutions and
relevant national actors to help
us increase our activities**

You can support us in various ways, by:

- Hosting threatened scholars
- Helping to identify new sources of funding for scholarships
- Strengthening the integration of scholars at risk in Switzerland and expanding their professional network
- Raising awareness about academic freedom issues in your organisation through the hosting of a SAR-Speaker event

The scholars

Dr Eqbal Dauqan, a scholar of biochemistry, left Yemen in 2015 after her university was bombed and members of her family were killed as part of the Yemeni Civil War. Through SAR, she was offered a visiting scholar position at University of Agder in Norway, where she has been able to continue her research on the nutritional importance of natural antioxidants in fruits and vegetable oils. Dr Dauqan received recognition for her work when she obtained the Elsevier Foundation Award for Early Career Scientists in the Developing World for her academic research and her advocacy on behalf of women scientists in Yemen.

A Syrian scholar of civil engineering with a specialty of pavement engineering, who prefers to remain anonymous, has been displaced by the conflict in Syria. Through SAR and our partner the University Assistance Fund, he held a two-year research position at the Technology University of Delft in the Netherlands, where he worked with colleagues on a project for the Dutch Ministry of Public Works. His work has been also presented at the Transportation Research Board 98th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Currently, he is a researcher at Norwegian University of Science and Technology where he pursues pavement materials research and modelling of asphalt mixtures using numerical analysis.