

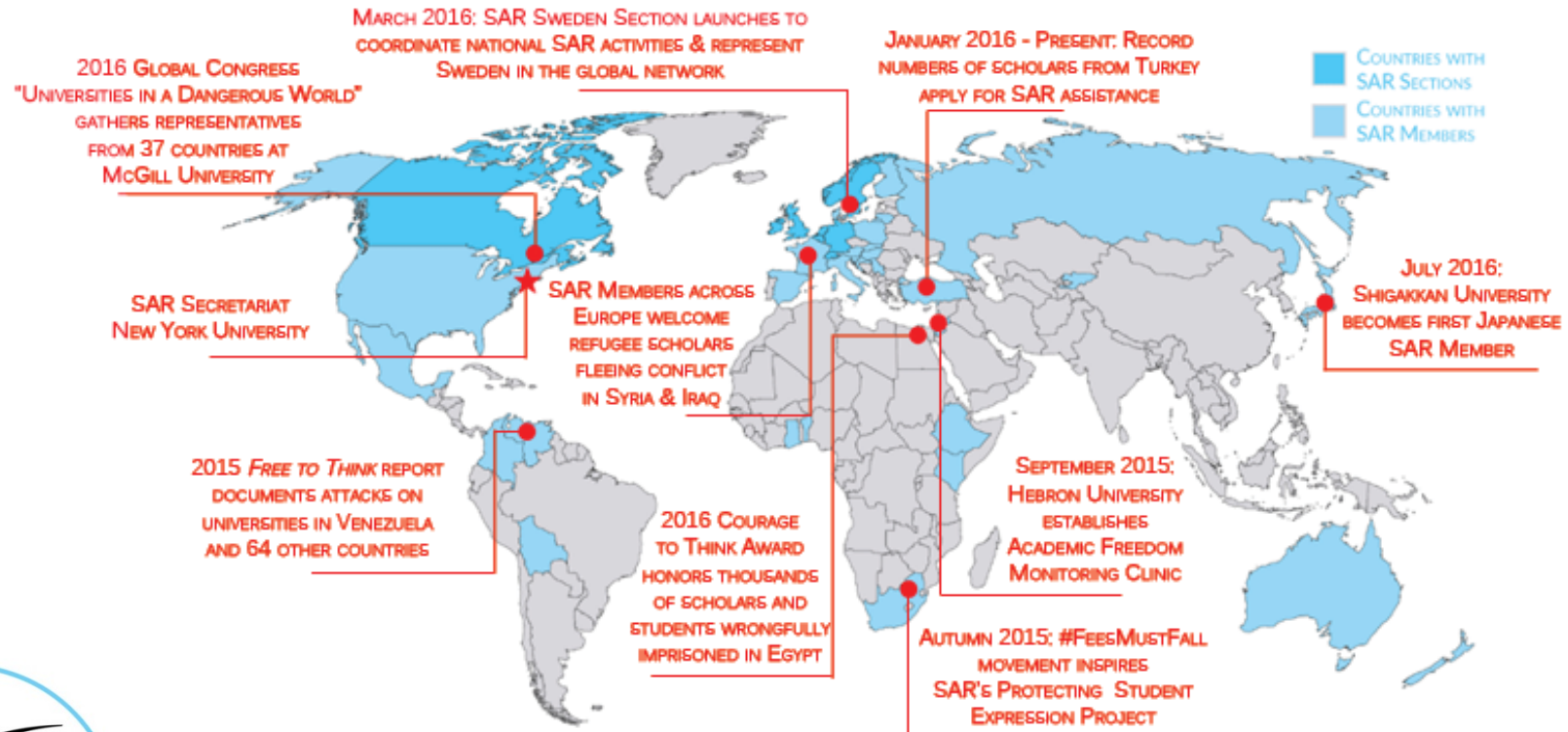
Scholars at Risk 2018





THE NETWORK

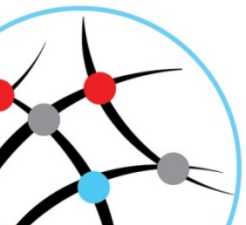
Over 500 institutions in 37 countries, including 'sections' in Canada, Ireland, Netherlands & Belgium (with UAF), Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (with CARA), Germany, and Finland.



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Facts & Figures

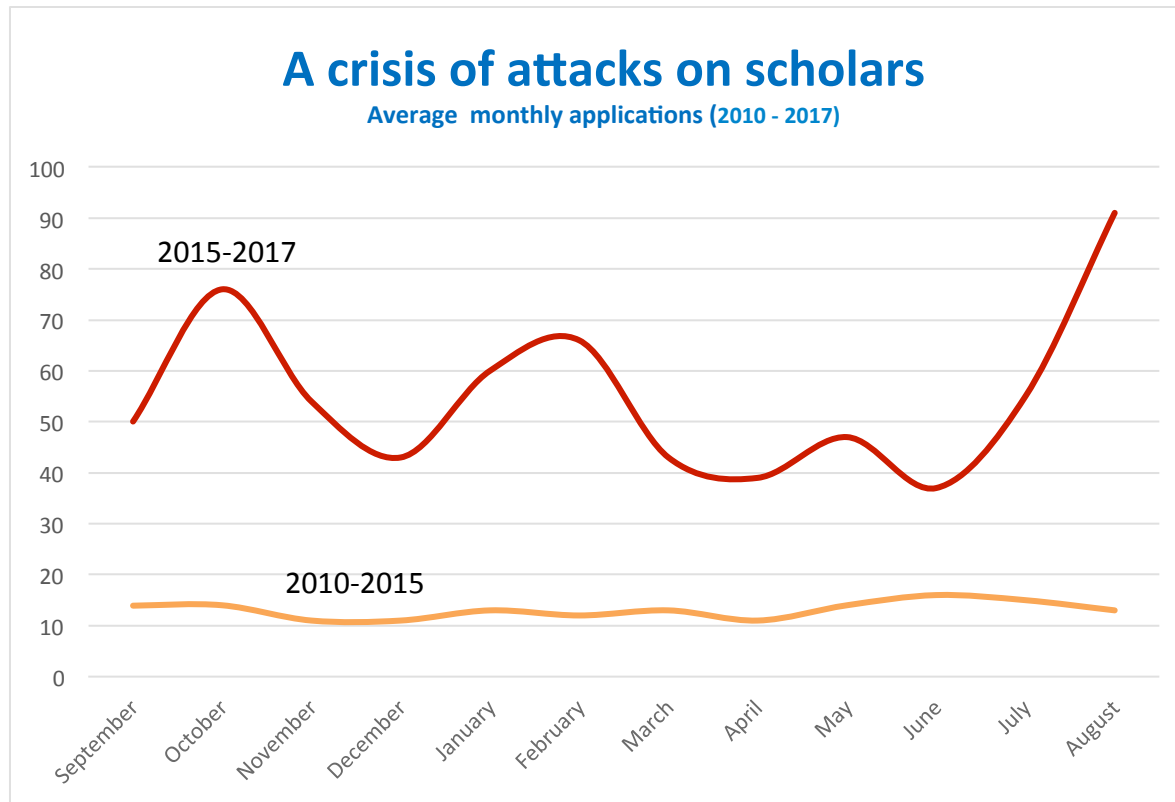
- Since founding in 2000, over 3,000 applications for assistance
- In 2016, over 700 applications; 150 placements
- Current rate of 70 to 80 per month; 61 on list currently seeking
- Top sources of applications: Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Ethiopia
- 80% of placements last year in Europe
- Over 645 applications from Turkey alone since Jan 2016
- SAR Monitoring Project F2T (2017): 256 attacks in 35 countries
- Currently advocating on behalf of 58 scholars in prison





RESPONDING TO CRISES

Today, more people than ever are risking their lives to flee oppression and conflict, among them a record number of scholars and students.



Top 5 origins (2016-17)

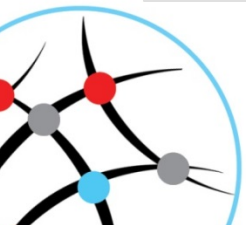
Turkey • Syria • Iraq •
Iran • Ethiopia

Top 5 risks (2016-17)

Arrest/imprisonment
Insecurity/conflict
Wrongful dismissal
Harassment/threats
Killing/disappearance

Top 5 hosts (2016-17)

Germany • United States
• The Netherlands •
Norway • Belgium



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ACTIVITIES

As SAR members, university leadership, staff, faculty, and students have the opportunity to actively engage in:



Protection

- hosting threatened scholars for temporary academic visits
- referring scholars to the network for assistance



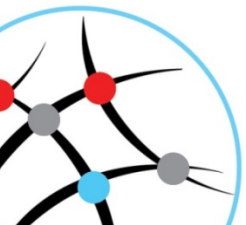
Advocacy

- offering Student Advocacy Seminars to teach real-world advocacy skills
- supporting scholars in prison by writing letters of appeal
- work with the SAR Academic Freedom Monitoring Project



Learning

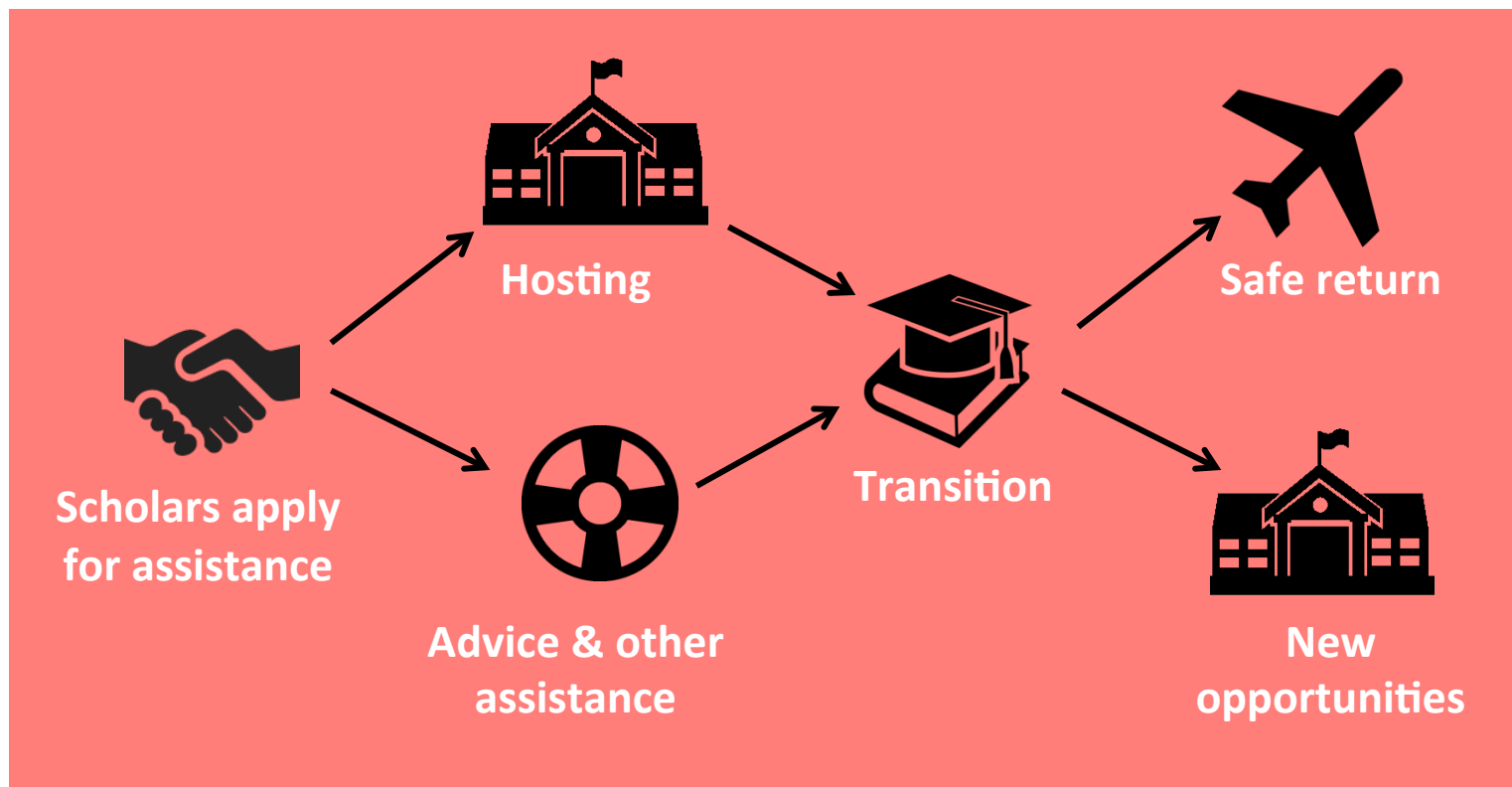
- attending SAR conferences and workshops
- inviting SAR scholars to share their stories on campus
- joining research groups looking at pressing issues facing international higher education





PROTECTION

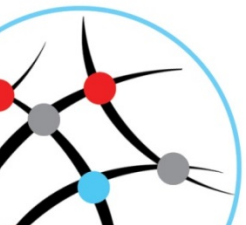
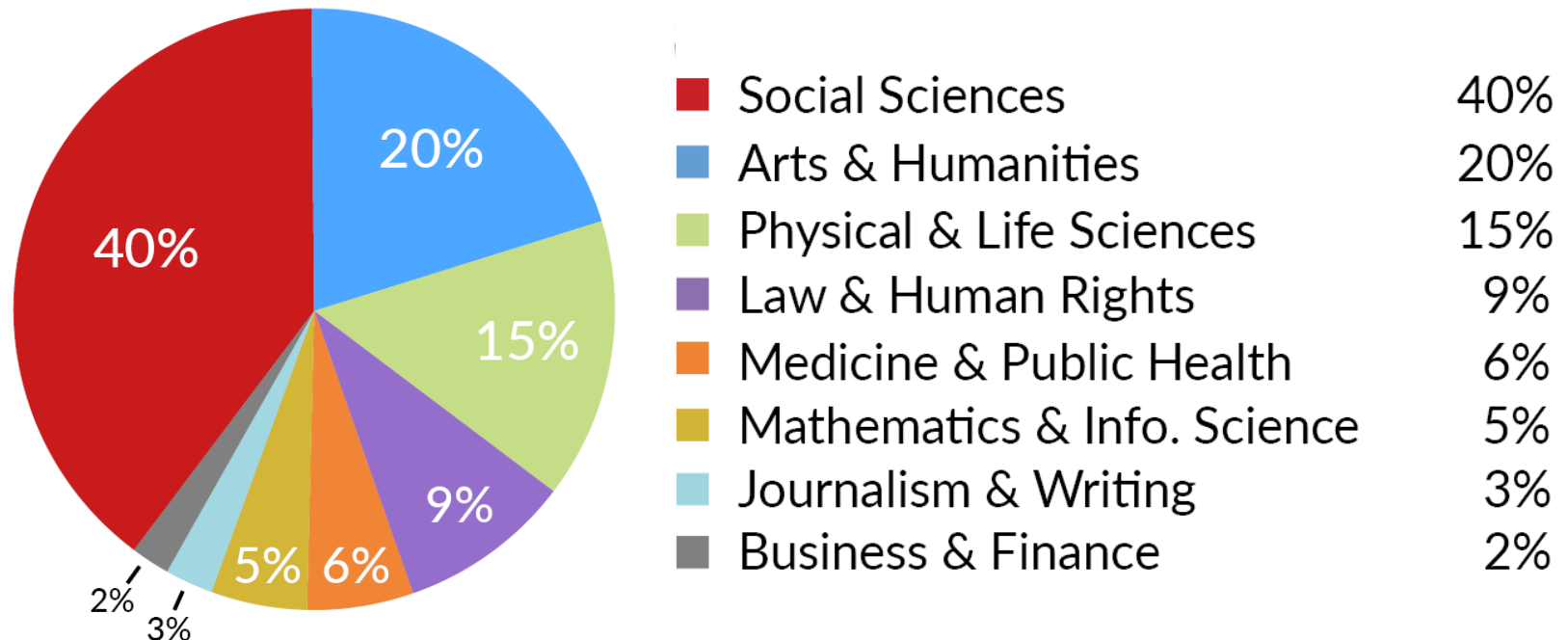
SAR informs the network of scholars facing threats and works with the scholars and host institutions through every step of the process.





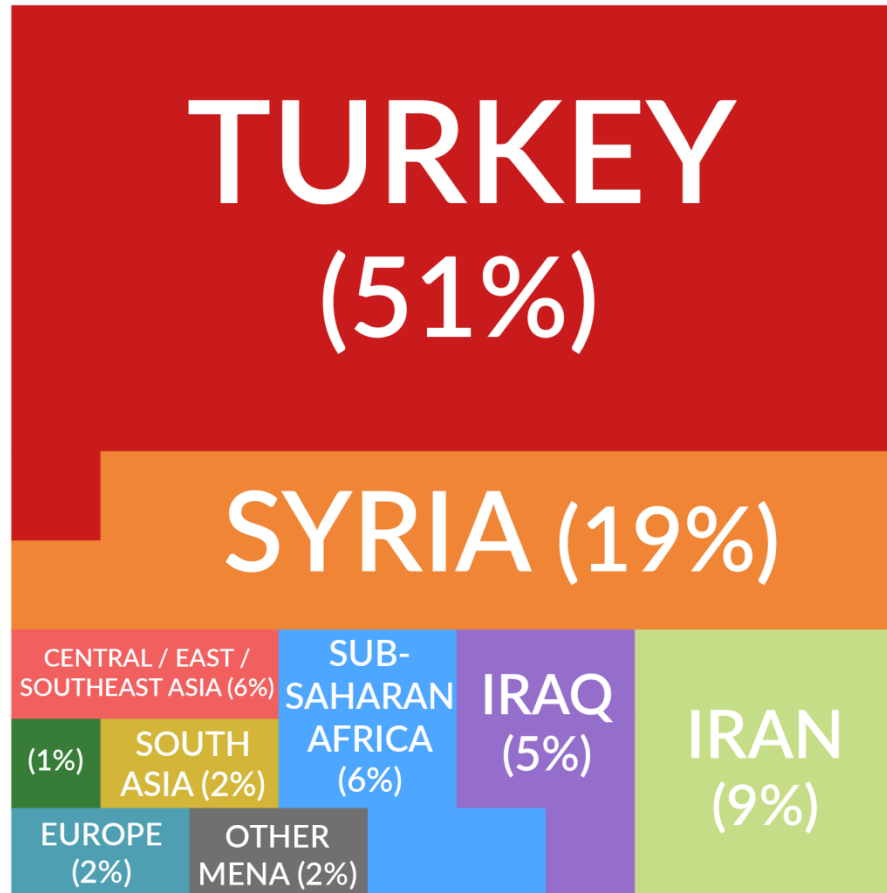
SCHOLAR DISCIPLINES

In 2016, SAR received a record number of applications for assistance – over 700 – and arranged placements for 158 scholars from a wide variety of disciplines.



SCHOLAR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

SAR currently provides assistance to threatened scholars from over 25 countries around the world.



Scholars at Risk: National Sections in Europe

National networks of higher education institutions dedicated to supporting threatened scholars and promoting academic freedom.

CARA-SAR UK Universities Network with CARA (2006)

SAR-UAF Netherlands & Belgium Network (2009)

SAR-Ireland section with Universities Ireland (2009)

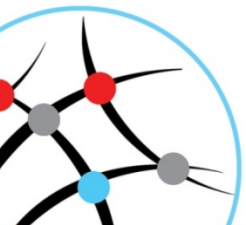
SAR- Norway section (2011)

SAR-Switzerland section (2016)

SAR-Sweden section (2016)

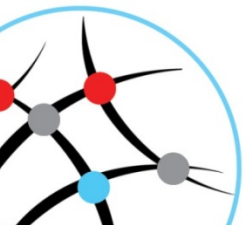
SAR-Germany section with Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2016)

SAR-Finland section with UNIFI Universities Finland (2017)



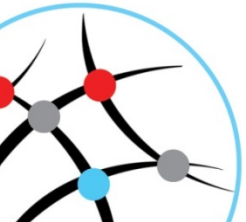
National Sections: The Benefits

1. Pooling resources (financial and human) to protect scholars
2. Sharing and deepening of expertise on hosting, advocacy and values-promotion
3. Access to support networks: within national sections, between sections, across global network
4. Stronger voice



Swiss Section: Facts and Figures

- First Swiss institution joined network in 2008
- 14 institutions are now members as well as swissuniversities and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
- At least 8 SAR scholars have been hosted at Swiss institutions to date
- Swiss Section founded in 2016
- October 2017: Co-Chairs & Steering Committee appointed, Terms of Reference approved

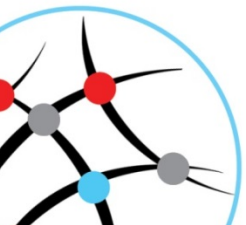


Swiss Section: Current activities

1. Outreach letters sent to key persons within the SNF, SBFI, Federal departments
2. Communication concept
3. Fundraising
4. Next Swiss Section meeting on March 12th 2018



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2018 Global Congress

April 23-26, 2018 | Berlin, Germany

SAR's biennial global network congress convenes faculty, students, and professionals in higher education and human rights in a conversation around higher education security and values.

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Freie Universität Berlin | Berlin, Germany

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Join higher education leaders, scholars, students, and advocates in the center of Europe to address historic challenges to higher education and to liberal democratic society alike.

Through a series of keynotes, panels, and workshops, we will explore the role – indeed, the responsibility – of the community to defend democratic values.

For more information
visit scholarsatrisk.org

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**Thank
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