

Overview of funding opportunities/ academic placements in Europe for researchers at risk

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Objective

- Provide an overview of the dedicated funding opportunities and academic placements available in Europe for researchers at risk
- There are other resources available for researchers at risk aswell as research funding open to all researchers
- These are detailed on the Inspireurope website:
www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/resources



Scholars at Risk & 13 National SAR Sections

- Arranges temporary teaching, research or study visits for threatened scholars at institutions globally
- In 2019, 581 applications for assistance were received & placements arranged for 115 scholars

PAUSE programme, Collège de France

- Provides funding to French higher education institutions to support approx. 100 threatened researchers for 1 year fellowships (can be renewed)
- Open to all researchers (incl. doctoral students) from any discipline & geographical origin in emergency situation
- Funding call open – deadline **October 2nd 2020**



Phillip Schwartz Initiative (PSI), Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation

- Provides funding to German higher education institutions to provide full fellowships for up to 24 months
- Interested researchers should contact potential German host institutions
- Details of next call for applications will be in Dec 2020

IIE-Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF)

- Global programme that arranges & funds fellowships
- Provides approx. 150 one-year long fellowships per year (In most cases, fellows are eligible to apply for a second and final year of fellowship support)
- Researchers at risk apply directly to IIE-SRF via email



IIE-SRF/EDUFI Fellowships Finland

- Partnership that targets researchers from conflict regions in early stages of academic career (i.e. recent PhD graduates or researchers with limited academic experience)

Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA), UK

- CARA's Fellowship Programme has been developed in close partnership with a Network of 121 UK universities, providing 2 and up to 3-year fellowships
- Also operates a regionally-based programme, supporting Syrian academics exiles in Lebanon, Turkey & elsewhere in region



Federal State programmes in Germany

- The Federal States of Bremen, Baden-Württemberg, Hessen & Hamburg have dedicated fellowship schemes for threatened & persecuted researchers
- Application procedures vary between State

Academy in Exile (AiE)

- AiE currently supports 24 researchers at risk with either long-term fellowships (12 to 24 months) or short-term emergency stipends (three months) in Germany.
- Open to researchers from all over the world
- Hoping to have funding round towards end of 2020



Upcoming events/activities

- **Webinar for researchers at risk:** Academic Publishing; October 21st at 11am CET (www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope/webinars)
- **Inspireurope Mapping Report:** Will be launched in early November 2020
- **Webinar for host organisations:** Helping researchers to make the most of their stay, early December 2020
- Sign up to **Inspireurope mailing list**; email: Inspireurope@mu.ie or follow @Inspire_MSCA on Twitter

