



**SAVE  
A LIFE,  
SAVE  
IDEAS**

**PAUSE**

**Programme national  
d'Accueil en Urgence  
des Scientifiques en Exil**



A desire  
for solidarity,  
a call for freedom,  
and a sense  
of duty

*PAUSE program (Programme national d'Accueil en Urgence des Scientifiques en Exil) was created in January 2017 at the instigation of the French State with support from civil society and economic stakeholders. It is hosted by Collège de France and a prestigious Patronage Committee, who have pledged to defend academic freedom and protect researchers and intellectuals at risk.*

## MISSION

To protect and host scientists and intellectuals from countries where the political situation no longer permits them to work and endangers their lives and the lives of their families. Researchers from all disciplines and countries are eligible for the program.

## APPROACH

To provide support in the form of funding to the higher education and research institutions hosting them.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ evidence of lecturer/researcher status in their current institution
- ▶ urgency of the circumstances
- ▶ enforced exile or absence from the country of origin of up to three years maximum

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ▶ degree of urgency and threat
- ▶ support and integration facilities available
- ▶ scientific quality of the application

PAUSE coordinates its activities with similar programs worldwide including Scholars at Risk hosted by New York University, the Philipp Schwartz initiative at the Humboldt Foundation in Germany, The Council for At-Risk Academics in Great Britain, and The Institute of International Education Scholar Rescue Fund in the United States.

# FRENCH SOLIDARITY WITH SCIENTISTS IN EXILE

We support

(Statistics: years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)



Scientists



For a second year



French higher education institutions and research bodies\*

GENDER BREAKDOWN:



Women



Men

STATUS:



PhD students



Post-doctoral researchers and lecturers



Senior researchers and university professors

**OUR AIM:  
TO HOST  
100 RESEARCHERS  
PER YEAR**



\* A complete list of host institutions is available at [pause.college-de-france.fr](http://pause.college-de-france.fr)

# GOVERNANCE

## PATRONAGE COMMITTEE\*

The committee is made up of eminent scientists and prominent members of civil society.

## CO-CHAIRS

Alain Prochiantz

Professor emeritus of Collège de France

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Professor at Collège de France

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- Collège de France
- Centre national de la recherche scientifique
- Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale
- Institut national de la recherche agronomique
- Institut national de recherche en informatique et en automatique
- Conférence des directeurs des écoles françaises d'ingénieurs
- Conférence des présidents d'université
- Chancellerie des universités de Paris
- Centre national des œuvres universitaires et scolaires
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- French Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs
- French Interior Ministry
- French Ministry of Culture
- Francophone University Agency



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**PAUSE** funds part of its activities with the help of sponsors and the generosity of the general public.

#### BY SUPPORTING PAUSE

- ▶ You can provide security to the lives of scientists and their families, safeguarding their freedom to teach and carry out research in innovative fields.
- ▶ You promote a source of knowledge which is a priceless asset for the academic community, your company, and for democratic societies worldwide.
- ▶ You extend the scientific reach and appeal of France.
- ▶ You allow scientists at risk to take part in the rebuilding of their country in due course.
- ▶ You support mutual interaction and knowledge sharing between France and the countries of origin of these scientists.
- ▶ You forge a relationship with scientific institutions promoting excellence.

**€ 30,000** can save the life of a researcher and host him in an institution for a year..



Here is a testimony by Ali Sammuneh, an astronomer from Syria, father of four children.

“PAUSE program is like an outstretched hand to provide help, a reassuring smile in the darkest, coldest realms of the earth, offered as a sign of hope. PAUSE got me back to work and gave me the time to rebuild my career and family circumstances.”

# OUR COMMITMENTS

Our aim is to host  
**100 scientists**  
at risk per year  
in France

We are committed to:

- ▶ **Highlighting your generosity:** you will be part of a circle of major donors and feature in our communications materials if you would like to.
- ▶ **Organizing meetings** with the scientists hosted.
- ▶ **Updating you** on the integration of hosted scientists.
- ▶ **Involving you** in the life and development of **PAUSE**.

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