Fellowships for Threatened Scholars

Applications due July 15, 2018: Apply Now

There are more threatened and displaced scholars today than ever before. The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) can help.

IIE-SRF announces a July 15th deadline for its next round of applications from professors and researchers facing threats to their lives or careers. Fellowships support temporary academic positions at universities and other higher education institutions anywhere in the world where the scholars can continue their academic work in safety.

IIE-SRF formalizes IIE's unwavering commitment to preserve the lives, voices, and ideas of scholars around the globe. Since the program's founding in 2002, it has awarded fellowships to 761 scholars from 58 countries, arranging visiting academic positions at more than 380 partner institutions in 43 countries.

Who can apply:

Professors, researchers, and public intellectuals from any country, field, or discipline may apply. Please refer eligible candidates and forward this announcement to any academic colleagues who may be interested.

- Qualifying applicants are currently facing or have recently fled from direct and immediate threats.
- Preference is given to scholars with a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in their field, and who have extensive teaching or research experience at an institution of higher learning.
- Women and scholars from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Students or professionals seeking funding to pursue academic studies or training are not eligible.

Because of high demand for IIE-SRF assistance, the program is not able to grant fellowship support to all applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Information on eligibility can be found here.

How IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund works:

IIE-SRF fellowships support visiting academic positions for up to one calendar year. Awards are issued for up to US$25,000, plus individual health insurance coverage, funding for relocation to the host country, professional development and advising resources, and dedicated support from IIE-SRF and its partners - before, during, and after the fellowship.

Fellowships are disbursed through partnering universities, colleges, or research institutes that provide a safe haven for IIE-SRF fellows to continue their academic work in safety. In most cases, hosting institutions match the IIE-SRF fellowship award by providing salary / stipend support, housing, and/or other assistance that would make the scholar's appointment comparable to other visiting academic positions.

For consideration in September 2018, application materials must be submitted by July 15, 2018.

Please note that IIE-SRF fellowships are awarded quarterly. Applications are accepted at any time and can also be considered on an emergency basis.
To refer a scholar:
Contact SRF@iie.org to learn how to refer a threatened scholar in need of assistance.

To host an IIE-SRF scholar:
Visit our website to learn more about how to host an IIE-SRF scholar.

To apply:
Details on how to apply can be found here. Information on IIE-SRF is also available in Arabic, French, Turkish, Persian, and Spanish.

To support IIE-SRF:
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