



SCHOLARS AT RISK
**VOLUNTEER
PROOFREADER
INITIATIVE**

Assist in the academic advancement and trajectory of SAR scholars.

Scholars at Risk (SAR) protects scholars facing immediate and severe threats to their lives and assists them in continuing their critical academic work by arranging temporary teaching and research positions at SAR member institutions around the world. To further assist displaced scholars embarking on job searches in new academic environments, SAR offers advisory and referral services, including the review of academic materials, mock interviews, and referral letters.

As the SAR Network continues to expand and grow, SAR continually strives to enhance its support for scholars as they (re)establish their academic careers in exile. SAR is excited to announce the Volunteer Proofreader Initiative, a proofreading program committed to advancing the academic job search capacity and trajectory of SAR scholars.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

SAR invites interested individuals to participate in the new Volunteer Proofreader Initiative by offering professional, individualized edits and suggestions to CVs, cover letters, teaching statements, and other documents relevant to the academic job search. By providing professional edits and recommendations, you will help not only in addressing a scholar's immediate proofreading needs but also in supporting a scholar's understanding of the fundamental aspects of the job application process.

INTERESTED?

Email madochee.bozier@nyu.edu and include the information outlined in the "How to Join" section on the next page.

VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

Who Can Volunteer

We welcome all expressions of interest and are particularly eager to work with volunteers who have experience in academia and/or on academic hiring committees. Depending on one's professional or academic background, a volunteer may be asked to provide discipline-based edits and other academically relevant suggestions to scholars. A volunteer may be a member or affiliate of the SAR network, an alumni scholar, or someone new to SAR.

What Volunteering Looks Like

Volunteers will assist in the further development of our material review services, which primarily include CV and cover letter reviews but may also include the review of research / teaching statements and research proposals. Volunteers can expect one request per semester (a one- to two-hour commitment, with a two-week turnaround for requests), which can be adjusted depending on availability. The program will be coordinated by a SAR staff member who will serve as a liaison between the proofreader and scholar, available to address questions and concerns.

Privacy & Confidentiality

Given the sensitive nature of SAR's protection work, all volunteers will be expected to adhere to SAR's [Privacy Policy](#) and to sign a confidentiality agreement.

HOW TO JOIN

If interested in joining the program and becoming a volunteer proofreader, please send an email entitled "Volunteer Proofreader Initiative," indicating your interest and / or desire to participate to:

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Protection Services, Program Associate

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What to Include

- Name and title
- SAR affiliation (if applicable)
- Academic expertise
- Availability
- Languages of working proficiency (kindly indicate whether you would be open to proofreading materials in these languages)
- A copy of your CV
- A statement of willingness to sign a confidentiality agreement



The Volunteer Proofreader Initiative is an invaluable way to extend professional, individualized support to SAR scholars.

SCHOLARS AT RISK
NETWORK

protection advocacy learning

SCHOLARS AT RISK (SAR) is an international network of over 500 higher education institutions and thousands of individuals in 39 countries that is leading the charge in protecting and offering sanctuary to threatened scholars and students. SAR's mission is to protect higher education communities and their members from violent and coercive attacks, and by doing so to expand the space in society for reason and evidence-based approaches to resolving conflicts and solving problems. SAR meets this mission through direct protection of individuals, advocacy aimed at preventing attacks and increasing accountability, and research and learning initiatives that promote academic freedom and related values.