

# Scholar Application Process

## IIE-SRF Eligibility Criteria

The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) is the only global program that arranges and funds fellowships for threatened and displaced scholars at partnering higher education institutions worldwide. Professors, researchers, and public intellectuals from any country, academic field, or discipline may qualify for IIE-SRF support. Applications are reviewed for academic qualifications, the quality/potential of the applicant's work, and the severity of the threats that the applicant faces. Preference is given to scholars who:

- hold a Ph.D. or highest degree in their field and have significant teaching and/or research experience at a university, college, or other institution of higher learning;
- have an established record of published research;
- demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise;
- are facing or have recently fled from immediate, targeted threats to their lives and/or careers in their home countries or countries of residence;
- will benefit their home and/or host academic communities.

We encourage applications from women and members of ethnic, racial, cultural, or religious minority groups, or those otherwise underrepresented in their fields.

Please also note that IIE-SRF typically cannot consider applications from individuals who are seeking to continue their studies, including Ph.D. study, or to complete an academic training program; have been displaced or have resided outside their home countries for more than two years; hold citizenship or permanent residency in a safe second country; or will have completed two years on a comparable fellowship or other program for threatened scholars.

## Application Materials

Applicants may apply directly or may have a third party submit their application materials on their behalf. Applications may be submitted via email ([srf@iie.org](mailto:srf@iie.org)) or postal service. The required application materials include:

- [Application form](#);
- Current CV or resume;
- Academic statement: a thorough statement detailing the applicant's academic and professional background and experience, including a thorough description of their academic research interests. The statement should include a description of the activities that the applicant has undertaken in their academic positions as well as an explanation of the activities (research, teaching, publishing, etc.) the applicant would undertake during a fellowship;
- Personal statement: a thorough statement explaining why the applicant is applying to IIE-SRF for support. The statement should include a clear and detailed account of the threats or risks that the applicant has been facing and the reasons that the applicant cannot continue their work in their home country at this time;
- Two (2) academic/professional letters of reference from academic or professional colleagues who can speak in detail to the applicant's research, publications, teaching, or other academic experience. When appropriate, letters should describe an applicant's unique expertise and contributions to specific intellectual issues or questions;
- Two (2) personal letters of reference from colleagues or other persons who are aware of the applicant's circumstances and can describe the threats that the applicant has been facing;
- A copy of the applicant's Ph.D. or highest degree;
- Samples of the applicant's most recent academic writing or research publications.

To begin assessing an application, IIE-SRF must receive the application coversheet, a current CV, academic statement, and personal statement. The remaining materials may be sent at a later time.

**For more details and instructions about the application and submission process, please visit our website:**

**[www.scholarrescuefund.org/scholars](http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/scholars)**