



Help us establish a Scholars at Risk Fund

UCSF has a proud history of effective and rapid response to calamities near and far, acting with characteristic generosity, creativity, and compassion. The response to the recent crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine is no exception. Recognizing the critical importance of maintaining academic freedom and protecting scientific inquiry, in the past year the UCSF Scholars at Risk Committee has raised over \$1.2m to provide legal services, tuition support, and professional and personal homes for scholars who are displaced or find their lives under threat.

It is difficult to predict when the next crisis will occur. As an institution, we are unprepared to respond in a comprehensive way to the next war, natural disaster, or pandemic and we cannot afford to approach these issues in a reactive way each time they occur.

A Scholars at Risk Fund

As a public university whose mission is *advancing health worldwide*, UCSF proposes the **establishment of a \$25 million UCSF Scholars at Risk Fund to protect threatened scholars and their families.**

This fund will allow us to continue serving scholars at risk while preparing to immediately address the next unforeseen war or crisis.

The Fund will provide our scholar partners and their families:

- **Tuition support and living expenses** to commence or continue graduate education at one of UCSF's exemplary programs, such as the Masters in Global Health, PhD in Data Science or a professional degree from one of UCSF's four professional schools or Institute for Global Health Sciences.
- **Temporary positions** at UCSF; scholars will be invited to work in UCSF labs and other work environments until conditions improve and they are able to return to their home countries.
- **Legal support** to protect scholars and their families from persecution or harm through visas and other forms of legal aid.
- **Small grants** to support online learning to participate in educational, research or career developmental activities; supplementary stipends to enable participation in a fellowship or educational opportunity; self-study with a UCSF mentor for those displaced from their home but unable to move to San Francisco.
- **Administrative and financial support** for the global Scholars at Risk Network to advocate for academic freedom as an essential element to quality research, teaching, and discourse.