



UC Santa Barbara Faculty Association

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Dear SBFA members and other colleagues,

We are excited to share the news that EVC David Marshall has approved and will finance our association's initiative to create a "Visiting Scholar at Risk" program to offer a one-year visiting position to a scholar whose academic freedom, livelihood, or life has been threatened by a hostile government. The EVC will contribute \$25,000 in matching funds for the temporary hiring of a scholar at risk from the lists of [Scholar Rescue Fund](#) (SRF) awardees and/or those of the [Scholars at Risk organization](#) (SAR). A selection committee, chaired by HFA Dean John Majewski, has been formed, and a nomination for the first scholar at risk to join UCSB for the year 2019-20 is forthcoming in early February 2019.

As you can imagine, even if matched by a Scholar Rescue Fund award of \$25,000, a yearly salary of \$50,000 will not cover living expenses for a scholar relocating for a year to UCSB from a distant country, and most probably with family. So SBFA has created a fund for faculty (or anyone) to contribute toward supporting living expenses for the chosen scholar up to our goal of \$10,000 per scholar/per year.

In this holiday season, please consider making a tax-deductible (if you itemize your deductions) donation to:

[UCSB INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARS FUND](#)

We hope to reach our target of \$10,000 for 2019 with donations of \$100, \$250, \$500 or even a few \$1000 contributions if you can afford that amount, but any amount will bring us toward that goal. So, please, spread the news widely among solidarity-minded colleagues.

Happy holidays to all,

[UCSBFA Executive Board](#)