

# 56 At-Risk Researchers Selected for Support Through the SAFE Fellowship initiative

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As part of the SAFE programme—an initiative dedicated to supporting researchers at risk—the consortium formed by DAAD, Campus France, PAUSE, and UNIMED has announced the **56 selected fellows from a pool of 359 applicants**. These researchers, representing 15 countries, will have the opportunity to continue their work in 13 EU member states.

*DAAD, Campus France, the PAUSE programme (hosted by the Collège de France) and UNIMED announce the results of the Call for applications of the European project ‘Supporting At-risk researchers with Fellowships in Europe’ – SAFE. Funded by the European Union (EU), SAFE supports at-risk researchers from all over the world (outside the EU) through the allocation of fellowships for a research stay in an EU Member State. The objective is to help these researchers to flee the threat they are facing and to safely pursue their research in Europe.*

### Insights and statistics about the results

The results of the SAFE Call for applications, launched on 18/11/2025 and closed on 20/01/2025 are now available: a total of 56 SAFE fellowships were awarded to support researchers at risk from different countries in the world, for a period of up to 24 months. The researchers will be hosted by **56 higher education and research institutions based in 13 EU Member States**, namely:

- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain

Out of the awarded SAFE fellowships:

- **12** are for researchers at **PhD level**;

- **44** are for researchers at **post-doctoral level**;
- 32 fellows are female researchers ;
- 23 fellows are male researchers ; and
- 1 fellow is a non-binary researcher.

**27 fellowships** were awarded within **Track 1** (researchers applying from outside the EU) and **29** were awarded within **Track 2** (researchers applying from the EU).

The **main disciplines** represented are: law, economics and social science; language and cultural studies; mathematics and natural sciences and engineering.

### The evaluation process and notification of results

A total of 359 applications were submitted to the SAFE programme during the two-month call for proposals, involving both researchers at risk and their prospective host institutions across Europe. Following a thorough evaluation process conducted by independent international experts, **the selection results have now been officially communicated to the host institutions**. With this phase completed, no additional calls for applications are currently planned within the scope of the project.

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*The EU-funded SAFE project is implemented by a consortium comprising the following partners: DAAD (coordinator), Campus France, PAUSE (hosted by Collège de France) and UNIMED.*