

Students at Risk - StAR

Actors

VSS-UNES-USU (Project Management)

Coordinator of the actors involved & the scholarship, as well as contact point for Students at Risk..

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

Key actor for the access to education.

Migration Authorities

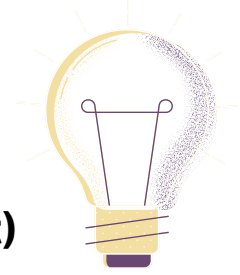
Issuing residence permits and student visas.

Experts

Independent individuals and NGOs with experience in the humanitarian field to consult and to evaluate potential StAR students.

A Project of
VSS-UNES-USU

<https://vss-unes.ch/en/students-at-risk/>



Target Group

"Students"

The precondition for a StAR scholarship is a written confirmation of a place at a Swiss university and a student visa.

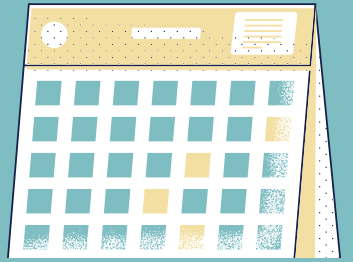
"at Risk"

The person must experience a de facto impossibility of access to tertiary education through reprisals or discrimination, either as a reaction to the commitment to fundamental rights or because of belonging to a marginalised group..

Logical Framework

StAR aims to offer vulnerable students outside Switzerland the opportunity to study in Switzerland through a scholarship. This not only enables them to exercise their right to education, but also allows them to develop their personality freely and to contribute to the social, liberal and economic development of their country (or any other country of their choice).

Process



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Nomination Phase- Various Institutions

- Identification of potential StAR students
- Forwarding and application to VSS-UNES-USU

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Evaluation Phase - VSS-UNES-USU & Experts

- Evaluation of the 'at risk' status by VSS-UNES-USU and experts
- Risk counselling by experts
- Matchmaking - Placement of students at HEIs

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Immatriculation Phase - HEIs & VSS-UNES-USU

- Assessment of immatriculation requirements ('student' status)
- Regular admission process for international students

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Travel Phase - Authorities & VSS-UNES-USU

- Application for student visa
- Financial guarantee through StAR grant
- Support by VSS-UNES-USU on entry and modalities

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Study Phase - HEIs & VSS-UNES-USU

- Monthly scholarship from VSS-UNES-USU
- Financing psychological and legal support
- Individual offers from universities and local organisations