

Partnerships for Scholar Advancement



In 2017, IIE-SRF launched the **Partnerships for Scholar Advancement (PSA)**, a network of partner organizations and individuals committed to providing IIE-SRF fellows with opportunities for career advancement and professional development during and after their IIE-SRF fellowships. PSA connects participating scholars to opportunities through a network of institutions and individual partners across the academic, not-for-profit, and corporate sectors.

PSA has been building a core group of partners that includes more than 15 institutions. In the U.S., partner institutions include, but are not limited to:

- **National Academy of Sciences** and **American Association for the Advancement of Science** – promoting PSA and helping IIE-SRF recruit more individual partners;
- **Midwest Political Science Association** and **American Academy of Religion** – offering free membership and attendance to conferences;
- **Coursera** – providing free access to all Coursera for Refugees content;
- **ELS** – offering free English and academic English courses for IIE-SRF fellows and their families;
- **Akin Gump** and **Willkie Farr Gallagher** – offering free legal services;
- **Global Young Academy** – providing mentors and membership.

Across Europe, PSA's most notable partners are the **GREET** and **BRIDGE** programs.

IIE-SRF also partners with over 60 individuals who offer their expertise and advice to IIE-SRF fellows directly. These **Advisorships** are one-on-one relationships between an Advisor and an IIE-SRF fellow with the purpose of supplementing career advancement and professional development efforts. Advisorships are among the most effective ways for displaced fellows to work through impediments to securing longer-term positions and opportunities in academia and related sectors.

Possible Advisorship roles include:

- Assisting with editing CVs, resumes, and cover letters and/or conducts mock interviews
- Reviewing teaching statements, grant and post-doctoral applications, or other academic writing
- Providing career advice and guidance
- Introducing the fellow to discipline-specific connections, thus extending her or his network
- Bringing attention to academic, publishing, and job opportunities **in the fellow's academic field(s)**
- Helping the fellow build her/his academic presence by sharing information about relevant conferences and membership of academic societies

More than 45 scholars have been paired with Advisors, resulting in:

- Memberships in academic societies
- Book and article editing and publications
- Jobs, fellowships
- Attendance and presentations at conferences
- Admission to Ph.D. programs

IIE-SRF launched PSA as a pilot initiative focused on U.S.- and Canada-based institutions and scholars in the STEM fields. The initiative has since expanded to cover all fields of study and to support Europe-based scholars. Since 2017, over 110 fellows and alumni have benefited or are benefitting from different opportunities offered by PSA.

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