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In view of the crisis in Afghanistan, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation would like to give universities and research institutions in Germany the opportunity to submit complete applications for Afghan scholars under immediate threat in the current selection round of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. In this way we would like to keep you informed on special measures and provisions.

### **1. Special deadline for nominations**

Nominations of Afghan scholars at risk may be submitted until **24 September 2021**. Please note that the deadline for nominations of other scholars will not change; they must still be submitted by **10 September 2021**, as we may not be able to process them otherwise.

### **2. Special provision on proof of threat**

All scholar support programmes in the network of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative are currently faced with extraordinary challenges. We ask for your understanding that our partner organizations CARA and Scholars at Risk Network are currently **not** available to conduct new threat assessments.

Therefore, we would like to reiterate that **the following options** are also accepted as alternative proof of threat for Afghan scholars for a Philipp Schwartz nomination:

- a residence status in the context of an asylum procedure within the EU, which proves the nominee's threat;
- an existing threat assessment letter by Scholars at Risk Network (SAR), Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA), or Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) no older than 12 months at the application deadline;
- credible documentation of the individual and significant threat by a third party, e.g., non-governmental organizations or research institutions.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about third-party threat assessments. Please also get in touch if any difficulties should arise in this regard (email: [schwartz-initiative@avh.de](mailto:schwartz-initiative@avh.de)).

We also ask for your understanding that these special regulations only apply to nominations of Afghan scholars, while in the case of nominations of other persons the usual regulations for Philipp Schwartz nominations including the application deadline of 10 September remain unchanged. Our programme information and programme guidelines still apply equally to at-risk scholars from all countries of origin. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, for example regarding eligibility criteria.