

Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh  
President  
National University of Ireland, Galway

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Dear President Ó hÓgartaigh,

On behalf of the Institute of International Education and our Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF), I am delighted that the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) has joined the IIE-SRF Alliance and made a commitment to providing practical support for threatened and displaced scholars. We look forward to supporting the university to realize this commitment by hosting an IIE-SRF fellow in a visiting academic position.

NUIG is now part of IIE's century-long history of assisting scholars and university students whose lives and work are threatened by conflict and repression. Through IIE-SRF, launched in 2002, we are proud to have worked with hundreds of higher education partners across the globe to provide life-saving support and academic opportunities to more than 950 scholars from 60 countries. But the needs today are greater than ever; in each year since 2017, IIE-SRF has received more requests for assistance than any year prior.

Research institutions like NUIG are making a difference by participating in the [IIE-SRF Alliance](#). The Alliance is our global network of partners who offer practical support to threatened and displaced scholars, including temporary academic positions, professional development and career advancement opportunities, and other critical assistance. NUIG is joined by hundreds of individuals, institutions, and organizations from across the higher education, scientific, non-profit, corporate, and governmental sectors as partners of the IIE-SRF Alliance.

IIE recognizes that NUIG is committed to building an international campus that comprises students and scholars from diverse backgrounds. I am grateful to the university for taking this concrete step to ensure that threatened and displaced scholars have an opportunity to pursue their work as a part of your rich and diverse academic community.

As you consider the possibility of hosting an IIE-SRF scholar in the future, I would like to thank you for your partnership. Please be in touch with the IIE-SRF team regarding the Alliance at [IIE-SRFAlliance@iie.org](mailto:IIE-SRFAlliance@iie.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan E. Goodman'.

Allan E. Goodman  
Chief Executive Officer, Institute of International Education