

# The Students at Risk programme – StAR



# The Students at Risk programme – in brief



- Established on the initiative by the students' organisations SAIH and NSO
- From 2015: A pilot programme financed by the Norwegian MFA
- The programme aims to support academic freedom and human rights through student activists
- Identify student activists that are at risk of being denied rights in their home countries
- Offer them an opportunity to complete their bachelor or master studies in Norway
- Strengthening their opportunity to act as change agents in the longer term

# StAR – how does it work?

- Step 1: Nomination of candidates
- Step 2: Validation of academic credentials
- Step 3: Matching qualifications with available academic programmes taught in English
- Step 4: Qualified students receive one or more offers
- Step 5: Scholarships are awarded
- Step 6: Students apply for a student visa to Norway....
- Step 7: ...and arrive in the country to start their studies



# Facts and figures



- 308 students have been nominated
- 72 students have been accepted
- 17 different countries
- Evaluation in 2020 found that the programme “has been successful in achieving its objectives”
- Continuation was recommended
- 2021–22: 7<sup>th</sup> nomination and admission round



**Thank you!**

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