



UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center

The ideal candidate holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent in peace and conflict studies, international relations, political science, or a related field, and has at least three years of work experience (the average is five years). Students should demonstrate academic achievement, strong English skills, and see the value of evidence-based research and policy. A thesis is a required part of the fellowship.

"The fellowship has been the highlight of my professional and personal life. I have learned a great deal and take with me an enhanced skill set and body of knowledge that will serve me well wherever I find myself next. I have a sharper capacity to approach the problems that face our world. There are no easy answers to the myriad of challenges we face, but the value of the education I have received will certainly enhance my capacity to respond." — Krystal Renschler (2014-16)

Program overview

Location: Uppsala, Sweden

Degree: Master of Social Science within the Peace and Conflict Studies program. Students critically examine and analyze the origin, development, and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis. They gain broad assessment skills as well as specialized knowledge in conflict management and peacebuilding at a national and global level.

Department: Peace and Conflict Research. The primary research goal is to understand the dynamics of peace and conflict. Current research areas include: violence against civilians in armed conflicts; peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and reconciliation; conflict resolution, mediation, and peace processes; climate change, gender, and conflict; and strategic nonviolence. The Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) is the world's main provider of data on organized violence and an unmatched source of information for practitioners and policymakers.

Courses: Core courses include Causes of War, Methods, and a master's thesis. Elective courses include International Conflict Resolution; War and Development; Nonviolent Conflicts: Causes, Strategies, and Outcomes; Social Psychological Foundations of Intergroup Violence; Emerging Security Threats; Negotiation and Mediation in Practice; Gender, War, and Peace; Local Perspectives on International Peace and Statebuilding Interventions; International Interventions and Protection of Civilians; Causes of Peace; Reviewing a Research Field; Internship in Peace and Conflict.

Notable professors: Cecilia Albin, Håvard Hegre, Kristine Höglund, Erik Melander, Isak Svensson, Ashok Swain, Peter Wallensteen

Informal partnerships: Peace Research Institute Oslo, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

Activities: Professional development trip in Europe, annual seminar, and events planned with the Pax et Bellum student organization, such as lectures, film screenings, and professional development trips like embassy visits.

Length: 20 months, starting in late August

English language requirements: English is the language of instruction. Applicants need to verify English language proficiency by submitting either TOEFL scores (paper: 575 total, with 4.5 in the written test; internet: 90 total, with 20 in the written test) or IELTS scores (6.5 total, with no section below 5.5). For information on exemptions to this rule (such as previous university studies where English was the main language of instruction), as well as other recognized English tests, see www.universityadmissions.se/en/All-you-need-to-know/1/Applying-for-studies/English-requirements/

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Program officer at Women PeaceMakers
- Co-founder and head of strategy at Media and Arts for Peace
- Technical coordinator for education capacity development at UNESCO
- Third Secretary, Political, at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- International affairs analyst at the U.S. Department of the Army
- Program manager at the American Refugee Committee in Somaliland

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