



UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center

The ideal candidate holds a bachelor's degree in social science or humanities, including academic disciplines related to peace and conflict studies, 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 Uppsala Program is unique because it has a strong research approach and is designed to equip both practitioners and academics with valuable analytical, research, and critical-thinking tools. As a practitioner, I have been able to utilize theory in the field of peace and conflict as a tool for understanding the world around me and further unpack the complex dynamics of today's conflicts in order to then propose potential solutions." — Elina Francesca Rivera (2020-22)

Program overview

Location: Uppsala, Sweden

Degree: Master of Social Science within the Peace and Conflict Studies program. Students gain advanced knowledge and assessment skills to critically examine and analyze the origin, development, and resolution of organized violence on a scientific basis. The program is research oriented, placing emphasis on independent writing, critical thinking, and methods training.

Department: Peace and Conflict Research. The primary research goal is to understand the dynamics of peace and conflict. Current research areas include Causes of conflict; Communal conflict; Conflict dynamics; Environment and conflict; Gender and conflict; Human rights; Negotiation and mediation; Non-violent conflict; Peace, peacebuilding, and reconciliation; Peacekeeping, political institutions, and conflict; Psychological dimensions of conflicts. 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 can include International Conflict Resolution; Internship in Peace and Conflict Studies; Research Ethics; War and Development; Nonviolent Conflicts: Causes, Strategies, and Outcomes; Emerging Security Threats; Negotiation and Mediation in Practice; Gender, War, and Peace; Peace from Below; International Interventions and Protection of Civilians; Causes of Peace; Reviewing a Research Field; War and Peace on Film; Social Psychological Foundations of Intergroup Conflict; Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament; Advanced Qualitative Methods.

Notable professors: Karen Brounéus, Hanne Fjelde, Kristine Höglund, Lisa Hultman, Erik Melander, Desirée Nilsson, Isak Svensson, Ashok Swain, Peter Wallensteen, Magnus Öberg

Informal partnerships: Peace Research Institute Oslo, Folke Bernadotte Academy, the Nordic Africa Institute, and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

Activities: Professional development trip, annual seminar, workshops, mentoring sessions, and events planned with the Pax et Bellum student organization, such as lectures, film screenings, and seminars

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 (the TOEFL iBT, iBT Home Edition, or iBT Paper Edition are accepted: 90 total, with 20 in the written test) or IELTS Academic/IELTS UKVI, IELTS One Skill Retake (Academic), and IELTS online 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 <https://www.universityadmissions.se/en/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/>.

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Head of Emergency Operations at the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Programme Management Officer, United Nations Mine Action Service, Sudan
- Women, Peace, and Security Program Officer at the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, United States
- Africa Desk Officer at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Program Manager at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Strategic Engagement and Analysis Manager, Conducive Space for Peace, Denmark
- Climate Engagement Lead, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, USAID
- Lead — Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning, British Council
- Programme Development and Advocacy Manager at Nonviolent Peaceforce, Iraq

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