



UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND University of Queensland — Rotary Peace Centre

The ideal candidate has a strong interest in research and a desire for broad theoretical knowledge and analytical skills, as well as the maturity and discipline to work as part of a cohesive group. Candidates should have an approved bachelor's degree, or equivalent with an excellent academic record, either related to the peace studies field or in any other discipline with at least three years of work experience directly related to peace and conflict resolution. Strong English-language skills are required.

“Attending The University of Queensland (UQ) was one of the highlights of my adult life. I can speak positively about the extraordinary support I received from faculty and staff members, or I could dwell on the beautiful campus, facilities, and student services, but the pinnacle benefit for me personally was the education I earned while enrolled in the Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS). The MPaCS courses challenged me to learn new perspectives and to stretch my own intellect in transformative directions. The faculty represented UQ with inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for helping UQ maintain its distinction as a top-tier university for humanities and a campus that cares about students.” — Peter Lindsay (2019-20)

Program overview

Location: Brisbane, Australia

Degree: Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS)

Department: Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs, at the School of Political Science and International Studies

Program: The Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS) program focuses on the forces that generate contemporary conflict as well as the processes and practices that contribute to conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding. Fellows will gain an understanding of how conflicts emerge and how they can be managed and solved in a nonviolent manner. Students can choose electives in diverse areas including governance, health, development, and communication.

Core courses: Security and Development; Conflict Resolution; The Politics and Power of Nonviolence; Peacebuilding; Gender, Peace, and Security in Global and Local Perspective. A research dissertation option is available but not required.

Other courses: Arms Control and Disarmament, Ethics and Human Rights, Mediation, Politics of Environmental Change, Preventing War Crimes and Atrocities, Indigenous Politics Within and Beyond the State, Humanitarian Emergencies, International Crisis Management

Notable professors: Alex Bellamy, Roland Bleiker, Morgan Brigg, Nicole George, Heloise Weber

Partnerships: Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and the UQ Centre for Policy Futures

Activities: Professional development trip to Canberra (the national capital), service activities for International Day of Peace, career mentoring program

Length: 18 months, beginning late February

English language requirements: English is the language of instruction. Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate their proficiency by submitting either TOEFL scores (paper: 570 total, with 5 in the written test and 54 in listening and reading; internet: 90 total, with 21 in the written test and 20 in listening and reading) or IELTS scores (6.5 total, with no section below 6). Other qualifications are outlined on UQ's website: <http://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/english-language-proficiency-requirements>

Career paths of recent graduates:

- Outreach and development officer at the Institute for Economics and Peace
- District commander for the São Paulo State Military Police
- Country director at the American Friends Service Foundation in Myanmar
- Freelance journalist focusing on criminal justice issues
- Senior program assistant at the UNHCR in Greece
- Disaster Workforce Engagement Specialist at the Red Cross
- Research fellow at the Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security
- Gender specialist at UN Women in Ukraine

Website: <https://rotary.centre.uq.edu.au>

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