

Handbook for Commencing Rotary Peace Fellows



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS CLASS XXI

Commencing 2023

Photo cover:

International Day of Peace 2022 celebrations with Class XIX & XX with Rotary Peace centre staff.

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Welcome to Rotary Peace Fellows



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Dear Incoming Rotary Peace Fellows

I would like to welcome you to The University of Queensland (UQ). We very much look forward to your arrival and to working with you during your Peace Fellowship Program.

You are the 21st class of Rotary Fellows at The University of Queensland. You will profit from a range of exciting cohort activities and from being integrated into a cutting-edge masters program with students who come from a wide range of countries, backgrounds and disciplines. You will have the opportunity to learn from and with teachers and scholars whose expertise span a wide range of topics, from peacebuilding, conflict resolution and nonviolence to gender and Indigenous studies.

This Handbook is designed to help you get ready to arriving at UQ and the School of Political Science and International Studies. Please read it carefully. It will assist you with:

- Preparing to study in a demanding Master of Peace and Conflict Studies Program.
- Understanding policies, structure, procedures and requirements of the School and University;
- Gaining knowledge of the resources, support and assistance available to you.

Here are some key issues I would like to flag upfront.

Keep in mind these key dates:

- You need to arrive in Brisbane between the 1st and 8th February 2023. Settling in a new country can take a while.

You will need to find accommodation and complete a range of administrative tasks, from opening a bank account to applying for your student card. Getting used to a new cultural environment can also take time and involve challenges. So make sure you arrive as early as possible.

- From Thursday 9th to Thursday 16th February 2023 you will be attending various compulsory preparatory events, including induction sessions that explain all aspects of the Rotary Fellowship; an information session with our Graduate Centre that discusses the structure and requirements of the Masters Program; individual sessions with both the Manager and Director of the Peace Centre; and a welcome morning tea during which you have the chance to meet the local Rotary community.

- The semester starts on 20th February 2023. This is when your classes begin.

Make use of the resources that UQ has to help you with your arrival, with settling in Brisbane and with getting used to UQ. This includes the following:

- future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia
- my.UQ
- my.uq.edu.au/
- Student Support

- my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support
- UQ Policies and Procedures Library
- ppl.app.uq.edu.au/

You need to make your own arrangements for arriving in Brisbane. Here are some points to consider:

- Your Rotary Host Counsellor may be able to help with transport. Contact them in advance of your arrival.
- UQ provides an 'Airport Reception' service for commencing students. Bookings must be made online a minimum of three working days in advance of your arrival:

future-students.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/arrivingaustralia

We advise you start as early as possible looking into accommodation options.

- Besides arriving early in Brisbane - no later than 7 February - you might be able to get help from your Rotary Host Area Coordinator or your Rotary Host Counsellor.
- Please also consult UQ's accommodation service: my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation

For many of you the transition back to university life will be both exciting and challenging. Having lived in the world of practice for several years, you will need to become familiar again with the challenge of scholarly activities, including essay writing. This is why I urge you to start reading scholarly material before you arrive. Practice your writing. Familiarize yourself with the issues at stake. This will go a long way in helping you making the start of the program as smooth as possible. Here are two sources that might be useful.

- Our Essay Writing Guide. Please read it carefully: <https://polsis.uq.edu.au/files/43393/POLSI%20Essay%20Guide%202021%20Version.pdf>

- My own tips – in the form of a video – about how to deal with the challenge of essay writing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63eOYfYnUiQ>.

If you have questions or need help, do not hesitate to contact Center staff. Details are on page 8.

Everyone here at the Rotary Peace Center is looking forward to seeing you soon. We hope that you will have an exciting, productive and memorable experience with us, forming lasting friendships and professional connections and learning the kind of skills that allow you to be successful in your future endeavours to promote peace.

With best wishes



Professor Roland Bleiker
Director, UQ Rotary Peace Centre



All Peace Fellows who attend the University of Queensland program are recognised at the completion of their degree with a paver stating their name, country of origin and date of program. These are laid in the Rotary Presidential Peace Park adjacent to the campus.

The University of Queensland
Rotary Peace Centre
rotary.centre.uq.edu.au

The University of Queensland’s Rotary Peace Centre is part of a global program to advance research, teaching, practical training and knowledge on issues of international relations, peace studies and conflict resolution.

Following an intensive international search by The Rotary Foundation, The University of Queensland was selected from over 100 universities expressing interest in the establishment of a program for Peace and Conflict Studies. The decision recognised the outstanding reputation of The University of Queensland’s longstanding International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies programs.

The University of Queensland’s program is one of only seven such programs worldwide.

- Other programs are based at:
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
 - Duke University and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA
 - International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
 - University of Bradford, Bradford, UK
 - Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
 - Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Information on the Rotary Peace Fellowship program can be found at rotary.centre.uq.edu.au

About the School’s Peace and Conflict Studies Program
polsis.uq.edu.au/master-peace-and-conflict-studies

Recent international crises highlight the need for greater understanding of the political, economic and social factors that affect security and stability, as well as the tragic human costs involved in such conflicts. The threat of insurgency and terrorism, humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, central Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere, all indicate that we need to develop greater expertise in alleviating such tensions and more effective

strategies for promoting peace and stability.

The Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS) is a coursework program aimed at developing conceptual and empirical understanding and skill sets in research and knowledge development in the field of peace and conflict. Students will gain an advanced understanding of how conflicts emerge and how they can be managed and solved in a nonviolent manner. Topics covered span from the local to the global and include issues such as peacebuilding, conflict resolution and prevention, mediation, nonviolence, gender and security as well as peace and development.

The MPaCS degree is tailored for students interested in seeking employment in either government agencies, non-government organisations or the private sector:

- Students will study with people from a wide range of countries and professions;
- Teaching staff are recognised as being world class in their respective fields;
- Teaching is conducted in small groups wherever possible, and at convenient times, with most internal classes timetabled for the evening.

Teaching and Research
polsis.uq.edu.au/research

The teaching and research of the School’s Academic Staff is internationally recognised. The Staff maintain close ties with important international and national non-government organisations, government agencies and leading academic institutions and research centres in Asia, Europe and North America. This exposure further reinforces the program. The School also hosts the [Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#), which focuses on the Responsibility to Protect concept, genocide prevention and the study of crimes against humanity. It conducts extensive outreach activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and UQ Rotary Peace Fellows have conducted their AFE with the R2P Centre on a number of occasions.

r2pasiapacific.org/

Fellowship Lifecycle

Rotary Peace Fellows at UQ study the #24 unit Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies program, which is an 18-month academic program commencing in February annually. Fellows must commence in Semester 1 and the Fellowship involves an intensive period of both formal study, one field visit, a service activity, and the Applied Fieldwork Experience. Fellows should plan their fellowship around these compulsory activities, as per Fellowship conditions and guidelines. During the Fellowship, Peace Fellows participate in a compulsory field visit to the Australian national capital of Canberra in Semester 2 (usually in early September), and a service activity related to the Centre’s participation in the UN International Day of Peace Celebrations with St John’s

Cathedral annually on 21 September. This involves helping set up displays for the recognition of ‘Local agents of Peace’ in the Cathedral prior to the event, as well as attendance at the event on the evening of the event.

Class 21 Fellows will participate in their Applied Fieldwork Experience in the summer break in between Semester 2, 2021 and Semester 1, 2023. Class 19 & 20 Fellows will present their Annual Seminar in their final semester, that is Semester 1, 2023. More detailed information on the Fellowship lifecycle, activities and expectations will be provided at the induction for Rotary Peace Fellows.

This table summarises major UQ Rotary Peace Centre Commitments that Fellows should plan ahead for:

Semester 1 2023	Orientation and commencement of academic study Attendance/assistance at Class 19 & 20 Annual Seminar Saturday, 22nd April 2023
Semester 2 2023	Participation in 4-day field visit to Canberra (early September) Participation in Service activity: UN International Day of Peace (IDOP) Thursday 21st September 2023
Summer 2023/2024 Nov–Feb	Applied Fieldwork Experience (min 8 weeks)
Semester 1 2024	Final academic semester Presentation of Class 21 Annual Seminar (April/May)

Contact details for assistance

Program enquiries:



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Further information about your assigned Rotary Host Counselors and Rotary Speaking Duties should be directed to:

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Rotary Host Area Coordinator Rotary Club of Woolloongabba

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Student Administration Enquiries
Further information about course enrolment

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Fax: +61 7 335 41388
Email: polsis@uq.edu.au

Class XXI (2023–2024 Rotary Peace Fellows – Buddy List)

This year we are establishing a ‘first point of contact group’ – these Rotary Peace Fellows will connect members of Class 21 with members of both Class 19 and 20 depending on what area they may have had experience with. For example – one of the group has had experience with settling a child into school here in Brisbane, and we know that there are families arriving who would benefit from that experience - so the group will connect these Fellows. . It may be that you are connected with more than one Class 19 or 20 Rotary Peace Fellow due to your area/s of lived experience here in Brisbane. the contacts are:

Sarah Wind (Class 20)	s.wind@uq.net.au
Nick Millward (Class 20)	n.millward@uq.net.au

Tunde Ogunyale (Class 20)	a.ogunyale@uq.net.au
Krissta Kirchenhelter (Class 19)	k.kirschenheiter@uq.net.au

Rotary Peace Fellow Class XIX & XX - Class in brackets after names - absent from the photo Thilina Madiwala (20).

Back row L to R - Krissta Kirschenheiter (19), Sarah Wind (20), Jennifer Eck (20), Ana Prada (19), Rajani Thapa (20), Isadora Darwich (20), Kae Sakornsang (19), Nicholas Millward (20), Titus Kemboi (19).

Front row L to R - Carlos Moreira-Alvarez (19), Floriane Niyungeko (19), Reboar Mohamed (20), Emily Andre (19), Tunde Ogunyale (20).



Commencing at The University of Queensland

Orientation and Key Dates

Graduate Centre Orientation

This is a compulsory event which will be held in Orientation Week on Thursday 16th February 2023. Further details will be sent early 2023.

Class XXI Peace Centre Induction

Professor Roland Bleiker, Rotary Peace Centre Director and Mrs Diana McCluskey, Graduate Centre Manager, will coordinate a Class XXI Induction in the week 9th -16th February 2023. It is compulsory that you attend. Further details will be sent early 2023.

O-Week

orientation.uq.edu.au/

Orientation Week (O-Week) is a University-wide celebration for international and domestic students who are beginning their studies at UQ. O-Week will commence Monday 13th - 17th February 2023. O-Week offers you social, sporting, study and support sessions and events to help you get familiar with the campus, meet people, get prepared for study, find out who's there to help and most importantly have fun!

All international students who are on campus are required to attend:

- Getting Started workshop
- Health and Safety workshop

If you are not on campus, check out <https://orientation.uq.edu.au/> for regular updates.

Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar 2023

The annual seminar – which will be held on 22nd April 2023 – is designed to enable Fellows to present the findings and research from their time as a Fellow in a conference-like format to representatives from Rotary, sector professionals, academics and peers. . Please note this date in your diary.

Information about Brisbane and Queensland

Brisbane City Council
brisbane.qld.gov.au/

Must Do Brisbane
mustdobrisbane.com/

Visit Brisbane
visitbrisbane.com.au

Southbank
visitsouthbank.com.au/

Tourism Queensland
tq.com.au

Destination Gold Coast
destinationgoldcoast.com/

Accommodation Services

future-students.uq.edu.au/accommodation

Finding a great place to live while studying at UQ can really enhance your experience of university life. Accommodation Services provides information and services to assist you to find a home that's right for you, and make your arrival in Brisbane as smooth as possible.

Based on the experience of other Fellows, if you are coming from a cold climate and are not used to hot and humid weather conditions, we would recommend that you look for accommodation with air-conditioning. While air-conditioning will increase your electricity costs, you may have trouble sleeping during the hot and humid Brisbane nights without it.

Australian seasons are as follows:

Summer – December–February

Autumn (Fall) – March–May

Winter – June–August

Spring – September–November.

Cost of Living

future-students.uq.edu.au/international/cost-living

The cost of living will vary according to your lifestyle and requirements. Keep in mind that your budget should be flexible enough to allow for unexpected costs such as emergencies and health expenses.

Children's School Fees

future-students.uq.edu.au/international/bringing-your-family

Please be advised that if you have primary or secondary school-aged children accompanying you, and you wish to enrol them in a school in Brisbane, you will more than likely have to pay school fees. These fees are set by the Australian government and are quite high, so we strongly recommend that you make early enquiries in order to know what these charges will be ahead of your arrival in Australia.

Confirmation of Enrolment Letter

You may need to obtain an official UQ Confirmation of Enrolment letter from the Student Centre which can be used for various administrative requirements.

In Person

You can obtain a letter in person from the Student Centre, Level 1, JD Story Building (Bldg 61), St Lucia campus. Please take your current student ID card.

Online

You can also request a letter online but this may take a few days to have the letter ready for collection, although you may be able to obtain a scan of the letter to your student email address.

To request a letter online:

Go To uq.edu.au/student-centre/

Click on the Student Centre link

Click on UQ Answers (the green link)

Click on Current Students

Click on Send us Your Question

Login with your UQ Username and Password.

Request a Confirmation of Enrolment Letter and let them know how you want it delivered to you – via email to your student email address and in hard copy.

OSHC Health Insurance

All international students in Australia must take out a separate health insurance policy (Overseas Student Health Cover) for health coverage while in Australia. Please note that this coverage will depend on your chosen provider – and may exclude some pre-existing medical conditions, dental procedures, and at times coverage for mental health disorders or conditions.

Please take this into account when choosing your health plan, as you may need to provide additional financial resources to cover such expenses.

Graduate Centre for Governance and International Affairs

The UQ Rotary Peace Centre is co-located in the Graduate Centre for Governance and International Affairs. A key element of the Graduate Centre's mission is to improve post-graduate student satisfaction and improve graduate employment outcomes by providing students with a comprehensive learning experience that involves UQ's leading researchers in governance and international affairs and a suite of value-adding activities to supplement high quality academic courses. This includes enhancing opportunities for post-graduate students to engage in work integrated learning, including internships, matching them with a career mentor and student mobility. The Graduate Centre also offers pastoral care and any additional support required by students.

Rotary Peace Fellows are encouraged to participate in a range of activities offered throughout the year by the Centre – these include attending masterclasses, seminars and workshops with visiting academics from around the world and joining the career polsis.uq.edu.au/career-mentor-program Mentor Program. This program is open for registration in semester 1 (closing on 31 March) each year and runs in Semester 2. The opportunity to be matched with a career mentor can significantly enhance a student's overall academic experience and help with employability skills following graduation.



Information about studying at The University of Queensland

Key Dates 2023

You should familiarise yourself with key dates in the 2023 academic calendar including the due date to enrol for each semester.

<https://asd.uq.edu.au/files/4055/2023%20Academic%20Calendar.pdf>

Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS #24) (Program Code: 5645) Program Requirements

All Rotary Peace fellows must enrol in the MPaCS #24 program.

UQ Program Code: 5645
Duration: 3 semesters FT
Mode of Study: Internal

A standard full-time load is #8 units of study per semester.

Courses offered in Internal mode require weekly class attendance throughout the semester.

Courses offered in Intensive mode require class attendance for 5–6 full-days throughout the semester and some may be weekends.

Courses offered in External mode do not require class attendance. Students who are not on campus will only complete courses delivered in External mode.

A standard #2 unit course requires approximately 8–10 hours of work each week. This is a combination of lecture and study time e.g. a 2 or 3 hour seminar and 5–7 hours of reading and research. A #4 unit course represents a time commitment of 16–20 hours per week.

Course Descriptions – MPaCS 2023

Current course descriptions for all courses offered in the MPaCS #24 program are available on UQ Course and Programs website.

future-students.uq.edu.au/study/

my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses/program.html?acad_prog=5645#international

Electronic Course Profiles (ECPs)

Electronic course profiles (ECPs) are published for each course and are available at least two weeks prior to the commencement of semester. You can access general public versions from the Courses and Programs website future-students.uq.edu.au/study/ and student versions after you enrol in the course from the course Blackboard course site.

The ECP contains the university official course information including course objectives, topic outlines, assessment items and due dates, marking criteria, teaching format, course materials and reading lists.



Applied Fieldwork Experience (AFE)/ Independent Study Research

The AFE is required by Rotary and is undertaken in Summer Semester (November–February) with up to US\$7,000 funding (lump sum) to support your travel, accommodation and expenses.

Credit or Exemption for Previous Studies

If you have already completed postgraduate level courses similar to those offered in the program, you may be eligible for credit or exemption.

Contact the student administration team at the HASS Faculty - <https://hass.uq.edu.au/contact>

English Language Support

English for Academic Communication

icte.uq.edu.au/study/support-uq-students/english-academic-communication

English for Academic Communication (EAC) St Lucia

English for Academic Communication courses are held each semester for UQ students from a non-English speaking background. Courses are free and designed to fit around your UQ study.

You can choose to register for EAC once, or for as many semesters as you like, while you are enrolled at UQ. Please email ICTE-UQ Admissions if you have any queries.

admissions@icte.uq.edu.au

Enrolment

sinet.uq.edu.au

You must enrol in your courses via mySI-net. Under the program structure, a standard full-time semester workload will comprise #8 units of study. You may be able to enrol in a maximum of #10 units in a semester if you achieve a minimum GPA of 4.5 in the most recent semester of full-time study.

Equity and Diversity

ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/1.70-equity-and-diversity

The University has a number of policies relating to equity and diversity with which students should be familiar including prevention of sexual harassment, racism,

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children on campus, discrimination and harassment, and disability.

Graduation

uq.edu.au/graduations/

When you are close to graduation, you should familiarise yourself with graduation processes and procedures. Rotary Peace Fellows commencing in Semester 1, 2023 are due to graduate at the end of Semester 1, 2024 and this will be reflected on your student record on mySI-net. Closer to your graduation you will receive notification of your graduation status. You will then be required to submit a “Conditional Graduation” form via mySI-net.

Library Services

library.uq.edu.au/

The Library has a number of Online Tutorials and other Classes available to assist students. Details can be found on their training calendar.

Collections are backed-up by a comprehensive information and computer skills training program, as well as individual advice and help in person, by telephone, on the website and through email or online chat.

The Student Centre

uq.edu.au/student-centre/index.html

The Student Centre is your one-stop shop for all student administration and general enquiries relating to the University.

The Student Centre can provide information about academic records, admission procedures, enrolment procedures, examinations and assessment, graduation, grievance procedures, prizes and scholarships, traffic and parking.

Obtaining a Student ID Card

You must obtain a student ID card as soon as possible to access your UQ computer account and help enrol in classes.

my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq/prepare-for-semester/student-id-cards

Student Rights and Responsibilities

ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60-student-rights-and-responsibilities

responsibilities

The University has a number of policies relating to student rights and responsibilities with which students should be familiar.

In particular students must thoroughly acquaint themselves with the University’s policy regarding student integrity and academic misconduct.

Student Integrity and Misconduct

ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/3.60.04-student-integrity-and-misconduct

You must read the UQ Student Integrity and Misconduct policy which makes a comprehensive statement about the University’s approach to plagiarism, including the approved use of plagiarism detection software, the consequences of plagiarism and the principles associated with preventing plagiarism.

Before submitting any assignments you must ensure you have completed UQ’s online [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#).

uq.edu.au/integrity/

Student Services

uq.edu.au/student-services/

Student services can help you with access to university, accommodation, careers, counselling, disability, illness and injury and International student support.

UQ Students are entitled to free consultations with a personal counsellor, disability advisor, international student advisor, careers advisor and learning advisor.

Health Centre

uqhealthcare.org.au/our-clinics/st-lucia-clinic/

There is an on campus medical clinic for University of Queensland domestic and international students, with experienced General Practitioners and nurses dedicated to the health care needs of St Lucia students.

They offer innovative, client-focused care through an extensive range of health services which include general medicine, immunisation, skin checks, travel medicine, wellness support and more.

Timetables

A final timetable is usually published several months prior to the beginning of the semester. The Semester 1 2023 timetable will be published in mid December 2022 and will be available from mySI-net. Some changes after this date may be necessary due to increasing or decreasing course enrolments. Students should therefore continue to consult the timetable until the commencement of the semester.

Tuition Fees

Rotary Peace Fellows have their tuition fees paid on their behalf by Rotary International. Please contact the School if your student record on mySi-net indicates you have any outstanding fees.

