

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE**  
**Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (QES)**  
**Young Leaders in International Development**

Position Description	
Title of Placement:	Research Assistant/Grant Writer Intern t University for Peace
Location:	University for Peace, Mora County, San José, Costa Rica
Department:	Peace and Conflict Studies
Duration:	3 months minimum (90 days)
Expected Start Date:	September 2022, January 2023, May 2023

**Project Description:** This internship opportunity is part of the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (QES) program funded by the Community Foundations of Canada. It will be carried out in partnership between the University of Calgary and the University for Peace, Costa Rica. The QES program engages a dynamic community of young global leaders across the globe to create a lasting impact both at home and abroad through cross-cultural exchanges encompassing international education, discovery and inquiry, and professional experiences.

The University for Peace Campus is located 30Km Southwest of San José, with a natural reserve composed of a secondary forest and the last remnant of primary forest (200 ha) in the Central Valley of Costa Rica. The park and the campus are within the protected zone of El Rodeo, in Mora County. UPEACE covers about 10% of the Mora landscape; hence this protected area is rich in fauna and natural resources. UPEACE pursues academic excellence through the systematic and critical study, understanding, and analysis of the causes of multiple problems affecting human and global well-being. UPEACE offers 14 Master's programs and a Doctoral Program at their main campus in the fields of Environment and Development, International Law and Peace and Conflict Studies.

The intern's time will be divided mainly into two tasks: graduate-level research work and grant search and proposal writing; themes will generally revolve around

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Facilitate processes of data dissemination including publications in relevant research journals.</li> <li>x Engage with the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and active participation.</li> </ul>
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Senior undergrad or graduate level student at UCalgary enrolled in Political Science, International Relations, Development Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Gender Studies or related degrees. Familiarity with Peace and Conflict Studies will be a plus.</li> <li>x Passionate about achieving positive social change and violent approaches to conflict transformation and peacebuilding.</li> <li>x Excellent research skills (knowledge of quantitative as well as qualitative research methods).</li> <li>x Knowledge of grant submission processes and proposal writing.</li> <li>x Canadian citizen or permanent resident.</li> <li>x 35 years of age or under at the time of application.</li> <li>x The official working language is English. Some level of Spanish is desirable.</li> <li>x As part of the QES Program, the Intern must participate in community engagement activities on campus or local communities abroad and Canada.</li> <li>x Academic credit requirement. This QES placement must be for academic credit. Interns must register in at least one course offered in the semester the internship is taking place (e.g. online course, independent study, self-directed study/research, coop program placement). Interns can work with the Office of Study Abroad and their academic mentor to explore options.</li> <li>x Mature and independent.</li> <li>x Flexible and willing to adapt according to the needs of the program and cultural setting with empathy and consideration.</li> <li>x The Intern would perform other tasks as required by the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and within the framework of the agreement signed by both institutions.</li> </ul>
Expected Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Successful grant application and completion of any research writing/data collection assigned, contributions to the Peace and Conflict Review (UPeace research journal).</li> <li>x Exposure to a multicultural environment and enriched academic setting will contribute to strengthening his/her professional development.</li> <li>x A deeper understanding of the field of Peace and Conflict studies through direct contact with faculty and a diverse student body.</li> <li>x Experiential learning focused on professional career development</li> <li>x Enhanced networking between Canadians and fellow citizens in Costa Rica</li> </ul>
Financial Assistance	A maximum of \$6,000 to cover travel (airfare, insurance, and immunizations) and living expenses will be provided to the selected intern for the duration of the placement.

Further details and application information:

Study Abroad Office, University of Calgary International  
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/studyabroad/qescostarica>