



SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SIU)

The Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University

The one-year postgraduate diploma program in peace and development studies offers an interdisciplinary curriculum with experiential learning, integrating theory, practice, and research. Designed to train peace and development professionals from the greater Asia region who either work or have worked in the region, work elsewhere in the world with communities or initiatives related to Asia, or demonstrate a compelling interest in learning about peacebuilding within Asia. The ideal candidate should have a professional background in peace or development, and reflect a commitment to creating meaningful change. When applying, candidates must propose a carefully considered social change initiative to implement during the fellowship program.

Program Overview

Location: SIU Lavale campus, Pune, Maharashtra, India

Specialization: Postgraduate Diploma in Peace and Development Studies

Departments and centers: Symbiosis is a multidisciplinary university spanning across the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Management, Medical and Health Sciences, Media and Communication, Computer Studies, Education, Engineering, Architecture and Design. The center operates within the academic and administrative structure of the university, drawing on the offerings and expertise of the various departments.

Program: Fellows will focus on issues of particular relevance to the Asia region. With the aim of achieving sustainable, actionable outcomes that need to be implemented for social change, the Fellows will identify and analyze various conflict situations, study the theories and strategies for its resolution, delve into the fundamentals of conflict transformation, as well as gain insights into how to keep, make, and build peace for sustainable development.

Curriculum: Conflict Analysis: Tool-Kit Essentials for a Peace Builder; Theories and strategies for Conflict Resolution; Fundamentals and Applicability of Conflict Transformation; Peacekeeping, Peacemaking, Peacebuilding; Post-conflict restoration: Overcoming Trauma for Wellbeing; Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law; Restorative Justice and Social Movements: What Works and Why; Shaping Peace through News and Narratives; Global Justice: Can Capacity Building Address Inequities?; Role of Sustainable Development Goals in building peace; Environment, Natural Resources, and Peacebuilding; Interstate conflict, diplomacy and peace building; Navigating Displacement and Humanitarian Responses; Design Thinking: Towards Peace

Notable professors: Former Ambassador Mr. Talmiz Ahmad, Former Ambassador Mr. Pavan K. Varma, Dr. Radhika Seshan, Dr. Priyanka Upadhyaya, Professor Kishu Daswani, Dr. Priyadarshini Karve, Mr. Ajit Abhyankar, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Jyoti Chandiramani, Dr. Prakash Rao, Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande, Dr. Ruchi Kher Jaggi, Dr. Mandaar Pande, Dr. SVK Bharathi

Field study examples: A visit to Velas, Maharashtra, in India, will explore an ecological conflict, with resolutions sought through a multi-stakeholder partnership between the government, non-governmental organizations, and the local residents. International field visit options may include any country in South Asia or South East Asia.

Activities: Engagement with underserved local communities through Symbiosis Community Outreach Programme and Extension; events in collaboration with Symbiosis Sports, Recreation and Wellness Centre; Workshops and Master classes; heritage walk in Pune city; on campus cultural events; interactions with governmental and non-governmental organizations; interactions with the International Students' Council in Pune; events with local Rotary clubs

Language requirement: Language of instruction is English. Proficiency is required.

Fellows: Up to 20 per cohort, two cohorts per year

Length: The one-year program includes a two-week online preliminary course; a 10-week on-site course with specialized trainings, community engagement activities, and field studies; a nine-month implementation period for a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions) to be carried out in fellows' home or host countries; concluding with an on-site capstone seminar.



Indicative backgrounds of candidates:

- Nongovernmental organizations
- Local/National governments
- Education and research institutions
- Public health agencies
- Environmental conservation and resources
- Community economic development
- Communications, media, arts
- Religion/Faith-based leadership
- Advocacy and policy, human rights
- Law enforcement and military
- International and humanitarian organizations

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