

PhD Programme at HCRI

Bringing together the study of applied medicine and the humanities our structured PhD programme provides an inclusive approach that mirrors the reality of aid operations and allows for rigorous, in-depth research and analysis on the impact and outcomes of contemporary and historical crises.

We actively seek to recruit PhD candidates from different theoretical and practical backgrounds so as to provide a rich research environment and prepare the next generation of researchers and practitioners. Our programme aims to engage with people directly affected by conflicts and crises, as well as researchers, practitioners and policy makers so as to foster increased understanding and debate within the field of humanitarianism and conflict response.

Our structured 4 year PhD programme guides students through the key skills of reviewing the literature, accessing online resources, critically summarising and analysing data, developing an academic writing style, and presenting a research proposal with clear methodological underpinnings. In addition to formal one to one academic supervision and mentoring, our students are supported by a formal skills training programme, through interaction with their peers and by HCRI's broader academic team.

As a PhD student at HCRI you will be surrounded by globally renowned researchers, outstanding teachers, expert practitioners and policy makers, and you'll have priority access to our vibrant programme of events which includes high profile public lectures, targeted conferences, and a monthly speaker series.

Current PhD research programmes include: understanding the lived realities of displaced persons; investigating the links between HIV/AIDS, armed conflicts and emergencies; exploring interdisciplinary approaches to humanitarian education; reviewing charity fundraising technologies; exploring local resistance to external interventions; analysing the role of China as an emerging peacebuilding agent; examining processes of volunteer training; and assessing the role of foreign medical teams in humanitarian emergencies.

We welcome applications from students wishing to study in one of the following areas:

- The history of humanitarian relief from the 19th century onwards
- Turkey, political violence, conflict theory and state formation
- Performance and artistic responses to war and disaster
- The politics of modern peacebuilding
- Post-conflict governance in the third world
- The history of population displacement from the 19th century onwards
- Emergency humanitarian assistance in conflict and catastrophe
- Theory and empirical research concerning contemporary violent conflict
- Theory and practice of conflict resolution
- Militarism and the use of force in humanitarian interventions
- Critical peace studies
- Response, mitigation and preparedness for natural/man-made disaster

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