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ANNOUNCEMENT

Invitation to Apply for Scholarships to Study Peace-Building and Development

Thanks to continued support from our partners in Japan, we are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for 6 competent African international students who would like to pursue the 3-year Honors Bachelor's degree in Peace-Building and Development (See the programme description attached). Following the recent communiqué of the Rwandan government which endorsed the resumption of educational institutions in the coming weeks, we are currently preparing for reopening our campuses. We aim to start the academic year of 2020-2021 in December this year, but subject to change depending on the evolution of COVID-19 outbreak in the coming months.

This scholarship programme aims to provide young people from African countries, especially but not limited to those in the Great Lakes Region, with high quality training in peace-building and development, thereby fostering a network of peace-builders across national boundaries. Currently, students from 10 different countries are actively taking part in the programme.

The recipient of the scholarship will be exempted from payment of annual registration and tuition fees for 3 years as well as internship and dissertation fees, and also be entitled to basic health insurance coverage. Travel and living costs in Huye must be covered by the student or his/her own sponsor rather than PIASS. Estimated minimum on-campus living costs for one academic year are approximately RWF 400,000 for a single student.

Application requirements

The successful applicants must:

- ❖ be not more than 30 years of age;
- ❖ have completed high school education with at least two principal passes or equivalent results; and
- ❖ demonstrate a proven track record of engaging in peace and development related activities.

The applicant is required to submit all the following documents compiled in one PDF document:

- ❖ Filled PIASS application form (Please request ksasaki.peace@gmail.com to send you an application form. Application fees are not required.)
- ❖ Notarized copy of national examination certificate
- ❖ Copies of secondary school transcripts (the last 3 years)
- ❖ Copies of other training certificates/diplomas (if any)
- ❖ Copy of passport
- ❖ Letter of motivation written in English by the applicant him/herself
- ❖ Two recommendation letters written in English or French

Application deadline: November 10, 2020

The application and any inquiry should be emailed to registrar@piass.ac.rw and

ksasaki.peace@gmail.com

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**HONORS BACHLOR DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN
PEACE-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT**

"Peace, development and environmental protection are interdependent and indivisible".

The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992)

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PEACE-BUILDING &
DEVELOPMENT**

The Honors Bachelor Degree Course in Peace-building and Development is the first academic programme offered by the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at PIASS. It is also the first of its kind in Rwanda. Currently, students from 10 different countries, namely Rwanda, Burundi, the DRC, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana and Malawi are studying in the programme. These students get plenty of opportunities not only to gain theoretical knowledge but practical skills and experiences in the field of peace-building and development by joining various workshops and activities organized by the Centre for Research and Action towards Sustainable Peace and Development (CRASPD <https://craspd.com>). Every year, several students get the opportunity to study abroad as exchange students, particularly in Japan and Germany. Even though the programme is still seven years old, many of our graduates have started their successful professional careers in international and local NGOs, academic institutions, church-related organizations and private companies.

Goals

The programme's main goals are to:

- Train professionals with the knowledge, skills and values essential to the work of peacebuilding
- Equip them with a peace and conflict-sensitive approach to development practice
- Provide students with promising pathways to advanced studies or careers in the fields of development studies, peace and conflict studies, and international politics

- Provide local and international NGOs, churches, and church-related organizations with professionals and managerial staff for their institutional development and educational programmes/projects that have a particular emphasis on peacebuilding
- Provide local and central government agencies with well-trained professionals for the administration of programmes in socio-economic development, good governance, unity and reconciliation and human rights

Learning Outcomes

Successful completion of the programme will enable students to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the theories and concepts of peace, conflict, and development and their application to global, regional and local contexts
- Demonstrate an understanding of the interconnections between the issues of development and those of peace and security in global, regional and local contexts
- Evaluate and contribute to the international, regional and national policy debates in the fields of peace, conflict and development
- Design, implement and assess development policies, programmes and/or projects that are geared towards peacebuilding in Rwanda, the GLR and other regions in Africa.
- Initiate and manage peacebuilding programmes/projects for local, regional, and international NGOs as well as church related organizations
- Prevent, manage, and resolve conflicts as mediators, community educators or workers of peacebuilding projects at inter-personal, organizational, communal and regional levels

Organization and Structure

The Honors Bachelor Degree Course in Peace-building and Development is offered through a day programme (tutorial in the morning and afternoon hours of Monday – Friday with weekend classes occasionally organized). The course can be completed within three years. The academic calendar of PIASS usually begins in October and ends in August. In Year I, students study foundational courses in development, international politics, and peace and conflict studies. From Year II, students focus more on the modules specialized in peace-building and development. As students progress to higher levels, there is a greater emphasis on practice through modules on practical skills and strategies for peace-building and development, Professional Practice in Year II, and then Internship in Year III. Every student in the programme is required to conduct a research project in the second semester of Year III and submit a research paper as a partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Honors Bachelor Degree.

Module Structure

Year I (160 credits)	
<p>Semester I (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Study Skills ● Applied Maths ● English ● Introduction to Social Sciences ● Development Theories I ● ICT 	<p>Semester II (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World and African History ● Introduction to World Politics ● Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies ● Principles of Economics ● Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Year II (160 credits)	
<p>Semester I (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religion, Conflict, and Peace ● Development Theories II ● Group Dynamics and Facilitation ● Nonviolent Social Change ● English for Academic Purposes 	<p>Semester II (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Globalization and Human Security ● Human Rights ● Rural and Community Development Management ● Practical Skills for Peacebuilding I
Year III (160 credits)	
<p>Semester I (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research Methods ● Peacebuilding and Development ● Healing and Reconciliation ● Programme Evaluation 	<p>Semester II (80 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peace and Security in Africa ● Practical Skills for Peacebuilding II ● Internship ● Research Report