

## Visitor Researcher Program, VRP (3-12 Month)

### Switzerland



**IPD Academic Programs:** Theory - Practice - Research - Exchange - Networking - Contribute

#### VISITOR RESEARCH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- **3 Month VRP** includes participation in academic class days (Please check IPD training schedule in advance) and research with academic supervisor
- **6 Month VRP** includes participation in academic class days (Please check IPD training schedule in advance) and research with academic supervisor
- **12 Month VRP** includes participation in academic class days (Please check IPD training schedule in advance) and research with academic supervisor

The **main aim** of the **Visitor Research Program** is to improve the academic research skills of the researchers through participation in the academic trainings and peer to peer education. As a part of the VRP program researchers will visit 3-6 Swiss Institutions to get more practical knowledge and closely acquaintance with them activities.

#### PREVIOUS RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS BY IPD RESEARCHERS

1. Research Assignment named “Separatist Movements in South-East Asia” by Mr. M. Giles from Australia
2. Research Assignment named “Applying Non-violence and interdisciplinary approach into Security Operation: an example of conflict transformation in Refugee Affairs and Border Security in Thailand” by Mr. W. Chotirosseranee from Thailand
3. Research Assignment named “Conflict Over Natural Resources: A Case Study of Ogoni People of the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria” by L. Akin Aladesua from Nigeria
4. Research Assignment named “The Post-2011 Process of Peace Negotiation in Yemen and the Role of Mediation by the United Nations” by Mr. C. Meijer from Switzerland
5. Research Assignment named “Review of interventions to reduce health vulnerability and improve access to healthcare for undocumented migrants in Europe” by Ms. S. Karymbaeva from Kyrgyzstan

## **PREVIOUSLY VISITED SWISS INSTITUTIONS DURING THE 3-MONTH RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

1. CSS, Center for Security Studies - ETH Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland
2. Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution in Basel, Switzerland
3. UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland
4. ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland
5. Geneva Center for Security Policy in Geneva, Switzerland
6. World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland
7. UN Global Compact, Global Compact Network Switzerland in Zurich, Switzerland
8. Basel Peace Office in Basel, Switzerland
9. Mr. Markus Hess: Lecturer and Mediator at Hochschule Luzern
10. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR in Geneva, Switzerland
11. Docip, Center for Documentation, Research and Information in Geneva, Switzerland
12. World Health Organization, WHO in Geneva, Switzerland
13. Aids-Hilfe Schweiz in Zurich, Switzerland
14. Biovision Stiftung für Ökologische Entwicklung in Zurich, Switzerland
15. Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) in Geneva, Switzerland
16. Le Centre de conseils et d'appui pour les jeunes en matière de droits de l'homme (Codap) in Geneva, Switzerland

## **INTENDED TOPICS FOR RESEARCH PERIOD**

- Peacebuilding
- Mediation
- Conflict Resolution
- Security
- Intercultural dialogue
- Human Rights
- Trauma Healing

## **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

A broad range of the interested participants (Age: 20+) from all over the world countries such as mentioned in below can apply to the **Visitor Research Program**:

- Representatives of Government Institutions, Diplomatic Missions and Courts
- Representatives of Business Institutions and Private Sector
- Representatives of Religious Organizations and Political Parties
- Representatives of IOs, INGOs and Local NGOs
- Representatives of Universities and Academic Staff
- Representatives of Media Institution
- Mediators, Peacebuilders, Researchers & Students

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

- **6000EUR** for 3 Month VRP period with accommodation or 3000EUR without accommodation
- **9000EUR** for 6 Month VRP period with accommodation or 4000EUR without accommodation
- **15000EUR** for 12 Month VRP period with accommodation or 6000EUR without accommodation

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE DURING THE 3-12 MONTH VRP PERIOD?**

- Single Room Accommodation stay in Swiss Host Family for research period
- Accommodation expenses during the IPD Academic Trainings period
- Breakfast & Lunch Expenses during the IPD Academic Trainings period
- Coffee-Break expenses during the IPD Academic Trainings period
- Welcome and Farewell Parties during the IPD Academic Trainings period
- Course & Stationary Materials (File, notebook and pen)
- WiFi Free Internet Connection

- Academic Supervisor fee to guide the research paper preparation
- Local travel expenses to visit 3-4 Swiss Institutions
- Program fee
- Certificate

## **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?**

- Extra Accommodation nights
- Meal expenses during the VRP program period
- Dinner Expenses during the IPD Academic Trainings period
- International and local travel expenses
- Visa and insurance expenses
- Extra persons` (family members, relatives, friends, colleagues and etc.) expenses

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

IPD offers several type of scholarship support to reduction the participation fee amount for most needed potential participants from all over the world counties.

If you wish to request discounted participation fee amount, please write your request briefly via email before or during the application submission period.

Unfortunately IPD scholarship program do not cover all the participation fee amount and international travel expenses.

## **PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE STEP BY STEP**

1. The participant submits a filled application in WORD format with a CV and scanned passport page
2. The participant will receive an invoice to start the payment of the requested participation fee amount
3. When the requested fee has been transferred to the bank account provided, the participant will receive an invitation letter via email. If visa application process is required, we will send the invitation letter by post and also to the relevant embassy by email.

**NOTE:** We strongly advice participants to submit the filled application as soon as possible, particularly if they require a visa to enter Switzerland or those who are and who in need of more financial documentation for his/her participation.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Interested participants need to send the filled application documents via email to [fhuseynli@ipdinstitute.ch](mailto:fhuseynli@ipdinstitute.ch).

Please send your application in **WORD format** with your **CV, Passport Page (Only photo page), University Diploma** and name the documents as **“NAME” “SURNAME” “COUNTRY” “DOCUMENTS NAME”**

There haven`t any deadline for application submission and researchers can select any relevant starting/end time period for his/her research stay. But we strongly advice to the participants to submit the filled application at least 2 month in advance for visa application process and looking for accommodation in one of the Swiss Host Family .

## **BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION TO TRANSFER THE PARTICIPATION FEE:**

Beneficiary`s Name: Institut für Frieden und Dialog (IPD)

Bank Name: PostFinance Ltd

Bank Address: Mingerstrasse 20, 3030 Bern, Switzerland

Account number: 91-577724-2 EUR

IBAN: CH 27 0900 0000 9157 7724 2

SWIFT code: POFICHBEXXX

## **PARTICIPATION CANCELLATION RULES & DATES**

Please note that after submission of the application in any case of the participation and accommodation cancellation till the beginning of Visitor Research Program, there will be **50%** cancellation fee amount of paid fee + bank transfer and exchange rates costs will be extra charge.

Participation and accommodation cancellation after beginning of the Visitor Research Program, there will be no refund.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Visitor Researchers will be accommodated in one of the Swiss Host Family in Single room. To stay in Swiss Host Family could be useful for researchers to improve their German or French languages, to know better the local history, traditions, culture and habits, and can get more information about Switzerland.

## **ORGANIZER**

**Institute for Peace & Dialogue, IPD** is one of the leading organizers of several successful annual international academic trainings and research programs in Switzerland in the field of peacebuilding, conflict transformation, mediation, security, intercultural dialogue and human rights which these events bring together state, private and public sector representatives.

IPD dedicates itself to the promotion of prevention of potential conflicts between and within states, companies and communities by strengthening institutional dialogue, mediation and academic education with the participation of civil societies, INGOs, business and state institutions. To achieve its purposes, IPD provides its beneficiaries with academic-scientific programs (Winter, Summer & Autumn Academies, seminars, conferences, forums and exhibitions), educational materials and carrying out mediation initiatives.

IPD invites state institutions, companies, INGOs, think tank centres, researchers, media and interested public actors for the cooperation and implementation of creative, innovative, effective and sustainable initiatives for the sake of empowering constructive intercultural dialogue, good global governance, responsible leadership, peaceful conflict transformation, active world citizenship, human security and welfare via mediation and non-violence methods.

## **OUR VISION**

Our vision is the education of an institutionalized civil society platform in peace-building, mediation, conflict transformation and intercultural dialogue, to convey a peaceful approach and behavior.

## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to empower civil society capacities in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, mediation and intercultural dialogue fields to build up a solution-oriented positive thinking in their work, community and family in order to have institutional impact for the sake of whole society development.

## **BE OUR SPONSOR**

***Do you want to Contribute for Education of Participants/Researchers from Developing Countries and Peace Education?***

***Donate and Make Others Happy***

We all know that organizing such kind of international academic programs is quite expensive and very hard to implement with limited financial sources. So to help us in this matter, we invite State Institutions, Foundations, Private Sector, Universities, Public Sector and Individual Philanthropists to be Sponsor of IPD activities..

Your Sponsorship will help institutional development of academic education, particularly will be helpful to support financially in form of scholarships to most of the motivated and needed participants (students, participants from the developing countries, participants of the local organisations and etc.), whose people would like to positively change the situation in their country, build more peaceful environment and pave the way for a better future in the society where they live.

We believe as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Philanthropy policy of your Institution, you will be opportunity to be Sponsor of one of the IPD program.

Each of the sponsor`s name will be publish in the promotional materials of the event and we will place the banner of the sponsor in the entrance of the conference room. We could also put separate table for Sponsor to promote its products during the event.

Depends from the financial support amount, we could prepare special event bags, pens, cups, umbrella, package, folder, cap, T-shirt, USB sticks and etc. with logo and name of the Sponsor.

## **Sponsorship for IPD Academic Program Activities**

**To be Diamond Sponsor:** 30000EUR and above

**To be Platinum Sponsor:** 20000EUR and above

**To be Gold Sponsor:** 15000EUR and above

**To be Silver Sponsor:** 10000EUR and above

**To be Bronze Sponsor:** 5000EUR and above

**To be Individual Sponsor:** 500EUR and above

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**We are looking forward to see you among us!**

