



Graduate Student Research Fellowship

The Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies is offering a Graduate Student Research Fellowship for incoming graduate students with a strong interest in peace theory, conflict studies, and the academic-practitioner interface. This opportunity supports a major scholarly project on the future of peace studies, involving literature reviews, case study analysis, editorial work, and conceptual development, with potential co-authorship on publications. The research explores evolving definitions of peace, emerging peacebuilding trends, and shifts in peace education. The fellowship includes full tuition, a \$5,000 stipend per semester (Fall and Spring), coverage of mandatory fees, and requires 20 hours of research work weekly.

Applicants must apply and be admitted to the Master of Science in Conflict Management and Resolution (MSCMR) program or the Master of Arts in Peace and Justice (MAPJ) program with a concentration in Security Studies. The assistantship is best suited for students seeking to deepen their research skills and contribute meaningfully to the future direction of peace studies.

To be considered for the Research Fellowship, you must apply to a Kroc School degree program by **February 1, 2026**. Eligible programs include:

- Master of Science in Conflict Management and Resolution (MSCMR)
- Master of Arts in Peace and Justice (MAPJ) with a concentration in Security Studies

How to Apply

Within the degree program application sandiego.edu/peace/apply

- Select your program of choice and complete all requirements.
- If applying to the MAPJ, be sure to also select the *Security Studies concentration* and complete the required essay.
- Under *My Application*, open the **Program Materials** section and locate the Research Fellowship option.
- In the *Questions* section, indicate that you are applying for the fellowship.
- You will be prompted to respond to an additional essay question (listed below).
- Save all responses before submitting your application.

Research Fellowship Essay Question

If applying for the Research Fellowship, please provide a response of 500–1000 words addressing:

- Your experience with writing and research (include links to any publications, if applicable).
- Why you are interested in the fellowship.
- What you expect to contribute and gain from the position.