



# THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

## Preparing You for Tomorrow's World

“An institution of advanced research and teaching such as ours can only exist through a commitment to excellence, we demand no less. To this we add a commitment to independence, engagement and diversity. It is our firm belief that through this unique combination we can prepare international actors to respond to the challenges of tomorrow's world.”

**Philippe BURRIN**  
Director of the Graduate Institute



## MASTER PROGRAMMES

With a worldwide reputation for excellence, our Master programmes are designed for students who seek a rigorous education in world affairs. Taught by our eminent faculty, the small classes and seminars facilitate dynamic interaction

between professors, lecturers and students. A prestigious network of partner institutions allows Master students to spend a semester abroad in Asia, Europe or North America.

Our **two interdisciplinary Master programmes** offer students a dynamic and global approach to international and development issues.

<b>MA in International Affairs</b>	→ Two-year full-time programmes (120 ECTS credits)
<b>MA in Development Studies</b>	→ Include compulsory and elective courses
	→ Opportunity to focus on a specialisation
	→ Professional skills workshops and internship possibilities
	→ A 30-ECTS credit MA thesis

Students may also opt for **one of our disciplinary MA programmes** and specialise in one of the following key areas:

→ <b>Anthropology and Sociology of Development</b>	→ Two-year full-time programmes (120 ECTS credits) → Include compulsory and additional elective courses → Specialisation in one discipline and complementary courses in at least one other → A 30-ECTS credit MA thesis
→ <b>International Economics</b>	
→ <b>International History</b>	
→ <b>International Law</b>	
→ <b>International Relations/Political Science</b>	

We offer a fast track which allows students to complete an MA as well as a PhD in 5 years.

**Alessandro MONSUTTI (Italy)**

**Assistant Professor**

**Anthropology and Sociology of Development**

“By creating this academic focus, the Graduate Institute now has an indispensable tool to grasp the complexity of today’s world. The Institute already offers an ideal setting to revitalise international and development studies by incorporating a critical intellectual exchange between the two areas. Our focus on anthropology and sociology of development will further strengthen this link and allow the Institute to continue to approach world affairs in a comprehensive manner.”

**Ali KARAMI-RUIZ (Mexico)**

**President of the Student Association (GISA),**

**Master in International Affairs**

“Having studied and researched in four different countries, I appreciate the diversity that the Graduate Institute community offers. With over 100 nationalities represented, you can imagine why the flow of creative ideas never stops! The school was also an ideal choice for me because I could continue studying in French and English, two languages that I am passionate about. In addition, it is an institution that truly prepares its students to face the international challenges of our generation.”



## INCENTIVES

### Scholarships, Awards and Assistantships

Each year the Graduate Institute awards up to 200 scholarships for Master and PhD students on the basis of merit and need. They are given for one year and can be renewed subject to academic results and financial situation. In addition, students who produce an outstanding Master's or PhD thesis may see their research published or receive an academic award.

Teaching and research assistant positions are available to students, particularly PhD candidates, either within their own academic unit or in one of the Institute's research centres and programmes. A variety of short and long-term auxiliary staff positions are offered throughout the year.

### Career Development and Employment Opportunities

The Graduate Institute offers comprehensive career development services that lead to unique job opportunities. Our Career Services can help with:

- Individual career counselling
- Career panels and employer information sessions

- Networking events with Alumni
- Professional skills workshops

Graduates of the Institute go on to distinguished careers all over the world in the multilateral and non-profit sectors as well as in the private and public sectors.

### An Active Alumni Network

Our graduates form an important community that helps spread and strengthen the Institute's image and reputation internationally. Many now hold key positions in organisations, companies and government agencies around the world.

- Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General
- Saul Friedlander, 2008 Pulitzer Prize Recipient, Historian and Professor at UCLA
- Leonid Hurwitz, 2007 Nobel Prize in Economics
- Brad Smith, Microsoft's General Counsel



#### Massimo FIORIN (Italy)

##### Master in International Economics

“ The Institute is one of the few academic institutions in the world that host an open and respectful debate on sensitive current affairs. This debate is fuelled by curiosity rather than by people's desire to persuade others. Students derive great benefit from this environment because they are encouraged to explore all facets of a subject critically and impartially. Seeing that the Institute offers classes on topics such as working conditions in China or agricultural subsidies makes me proud to be an alumnus. ”



# DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

PhD candidates are attracted to the Institute by the tremendous diversity of expertise in world affairs, the close supervision provided by an international faculty, and the wealth of intellectual and practical resources available in the Geneva area. As part of their doctoral programme, students

gain substantial research experience and are given the opportunity to make a high-quality and original scientific contribution to current issues. They can also take advantage of the Institute’s partner networks to further their research or field experience.

The Graduate Institute offers **6 PhD programmes**:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Anthropology and Sociology of Development</b></li> <li>→ <b>Development Economics</b></li> <li>→ <b>International Economics</b></li> <li>→ <b>International History</b></li> <li>→ <b>International Law</b></li> <li>→ <b>International Relations/Political Science</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Four-year full-time programme</li> <li>→ Possibility to complete a minor in another discipline</li> <li>→ Successful completion of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A series of theoretical and methodological courses</li> <li>– A preliminary dissertation to be defended prior to the fourth semester</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Thesis defended before a public audience during the eighth semester at the latest</li> </ul>
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Our PhD programme is ideal for students seeking to pursue careers in academia, research, public administrations, or in the private sector. Each year, some openings are offered to professionals who need more time to obtain their degree.

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**Annapurna MITRA (India)**  
**PhD in International Economics**

“ The reputation of the Institute speaks for itself. Its alumni hold influential positions around the world and it has a truly impressive faculty. The Institute offers incredible opportunities with its proximity to many international organisations based in the city of Geneva and the potential for research in the area of economics is exceptional. In addition, thanks to the Institute’s Swoboda scholarship, I will be able to immerse myself into my doctorate research. ”

**Jorge VIÑUALES (Argentina)**  
**Assistant Professor of International Law**

“ There is no better place to undertake advanced studies in international law. The concentration of professors focusing on its different areas, such as human rights, environmental or trade law, and the breadth of the course offering are truly unique in the world. We have an unrivalled student-to-faculty ratio and the exposure to key international law policy-makers in Geneva is a major advantage. ”



Future "Maison de la paix"

## FIVE REASONS TO CHOOSE THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE

The mission of the Graduate Institute is to provide rigorous and independent research and education on world affairs in a way that respects diversity, develops creative thinking and fosters global responsibility.

The Institute has a rich history linked to the founding of the international system and the League of Nations in the 1920s as well as the emergence of the developing world in the 1960s.

- **A leading research and academic institution** with an international reputation for academic excellence
- **A unique offer of degree programmes**, mostly taught in English, dealing with some of the most challenging global issues
- **A creative and stimulating intellectual environment** that encourages close interaction between our eminent faculty and our students
- **Competitive tuition fees and a wide range of funding options** (scholarships, assistantships, on-campus employment)
- **Full immersion in a bilingual English-French working environment** that stimulates cross-cultural intellectual exchange and debate

## Geneva: an Ideal Setting

The Institute's location, Geneva, is home to many of the world's prominent international organisations, hundreds of non-governmental organisations as well as a large number of leading multinational corporations, making it an ideal place to study, teach and research global issues.

Geneva is also:

- A global centre of multilateral governance offering exposure to world affairs and professional opportunities
- A cosmopolitan community with nearly 180 nationalities
- A small but vibrant city, well-served by public transport and technology
- A cultural and social centre with its quality of life ranking among the top 3 in the world

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### Marc PRONOVOST (Canada)

#### Master in Development Studies

“My studies at the Graduate Institute have given me the tools to think critically about development, its projects and mechanisms. But my Master programme is more than simply an academic experience. Being in such an international group of students coming from all over the world, I have been able to meet and confront new opinions, extend my network and understand different realities. Being here, I feel that I am already taking an active step in my future. ”

### Steven C. NAKANA (South Africa)

#### PhD in International History

“One of the Graduate Institute's key features is that its setting, Geneva, is a place where the main multilateral bodies work towards the betterment of humanity, including the UN, WTO, ICRC as well as those in the human rights field. Students who are interested in political science, development studies, economics, history, human rights or law and want to boost their academic career with international experience need look no further than the Graduate Institute. ”

# Admissions

Admission to the Graduate Institute is based on a rigorous selection process in which candidates are assessed according to intellectual aptitude, cultural awareness and commitment

to confronting the major challenges of our times. Applications are processed from February through March for the following autumn.

## To be eligible for a Master or PhD programme, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Master applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree, or international equivalent, in a relevant discipline or field
- PhD applicants must hold a Master's degree, or international equivalent, in a relevant discipline or field
- All non-native English speaking candidates must have English language proficiency
- At least passive knowledge of French is an advantage (intensive French courses are provided during the first year for those who do not speak French)
- Submit a GRE (for Economics programmes applicants)
- Submit a thesis proposal (for PhD applicants)

Application forms and information on admissions and financial aid are available online at:

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/admission>

**For additional information, please contact the Admissions**

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**Applications must be received no later than 15 January.**

# Other Programmes

## SHORT PROGRAMMES

Every year, the Graduate Institute organises intensive programmes open to senior undergraduates, Master students and young professionals with a strong interest in international affairs.

- **International Affairs and Multilateral Governance**
- **WTO, International Trade and Development**
- **The United Nations and Global Challenges**

## EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

The Graduate Institute offers degree-granting, short and tailor-made programmes for professionals, including:

- **Executive Master in International Negotiation and Policy-Making**
- **Executive Master in Development Studies**

## JOINT PROGRAMMES

Programmes organised with the University of Geneva:

- **Master in Asian Studies**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement**
- **Master of Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law**

A **Joint Master of Laws in Global Health and International Institutions** is also offered in collaboration with Georgetown University Law Center (Washington DC).

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