



RESEARCH FOR  
DEVELOPMENT  
GRADUATE PROGRAM

*Empowering leaders for a  
just and humane world.*

## Student Perspective

"...A program like [the Research for Development Graduate Program] where students are asked to gather information and research by speaking with [the people directly affected] and becoming involved in an international community is a way of gaining a better understanding of [the complexity of the world and international issues] in a much more personal and direct way."

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## Program Philosophy

*By partnering with  
nongovernmental organizations  
(NGOs), we challenge students  
to explore the root causes and  
consequences undermining  
the well-being of people in the  
developing world.*

*We believe an experience  
combining academic and personal  
understanding of issues relating  
to development and social justice  
provides an individual with  
a powerful transformational  
element and a stronger continued  
commitment to these important  
issues.*

## The Research for Development Graduate Program

The Research for Development Graduate Program is a three phase program open to all graduate students who wish to become involved in the field of international development research.

### Academic Program

#### Phase I | Spring

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##### **PUBM 542 (3 credits)**

The purpose of this course is to introduce graduate students to basic qualitative research methods used to find solutions for individual and organizational problems especially in the field of international development. Students will be introduced to various qualitative research methodologies, research paradigms, research question formulations, analysis of results and both written and formal presentation skills. Course content will also include practical aspects of how to write field notes, carry out field interviewing and how to conduct preliminary data analysis. Classes will meet for a total of 30 hours per quarter.

#### Phase II | Summer\*

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##### **PUBM 595 (3 or 6 credits)**

This internship will allow students to be engaged in ongoing research endeavors with International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) in low resource countries. Students will be engaged in participatory evaluations and research projects

as specified by their designated INGO. A work experience in another country will offer students many different challenges and opportunities. Many INGOs are engaged in projects or programs that pertain to some of the following areas: poverty reduction, health care, governance, education, crisis prevention and recovery, environment, peace and conflict, migration, women issues, and economic restructuring. These internships are available in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

#### Phase III | Fall

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##### **PUBM 543 (1 to 3 credits)**

Program participants write a professional paper based on their summer scope of work as research interns with INGOs. Students will also present their research paper findings formally to the Seattle University campus at large.

### Application Information

The application deadline for the **Research for Development Graduate Program** is March 1st, 2012. However, applications are accepted throughout the year. After your application has been reviewed an interview with the admission committee will take place. Please see our website for a copy of the application. The following supplemental materials should be submitted along with your application to the program:

- 2 letters of reference
- Statement of purpose
- Resume

Successful applicants will have the following characteristics:

- The capacity to work and live effectively in remote conditions.
- Freedom from medical conditions requiring regular access to medical care or specialized care.
- Ability to live and work effectively without access to counseling or other psychological support.
- Aptitude to rely on a small, close-knit community of development professionals or a home-stay family.
- Skill and willingness to engage in demanding cross-cultural projects.
- Flexibility, confidence and fortitude in ambiguous situations.

### Cost and Financial Assistance

The cost of the RDGP program includes the cost of tuition (3 to 12 credits), air transportation, food, housing, and health insurance during the internship.

Individual colleges/departments may have funding available to help support your participation in the Research for Development Graduate Program. Contact your program director to learn about funding opportunities available to you.

#### For further information:

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