

## Program Philosophy

*By partnering with non-governmental 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.*

## 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.”

2007 Research for Development Graduate Program student

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**RESEARCH FOR  
DEVELOPMENT  
GRADUATE PROGRAM  
2009**

*Empowering leaders for a just and humane world.*

## The Research for Development Graduate Program

The Research for Development Graduate Program (RDGP) is a three phase academic program open to all graduate students at Seattle University. The program introduces students to the acquisition and application of participatory based research methods used by non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

### Academic Program

#### Phase I | Spring

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##### **PUBM 593 (3 credits)**

A project -based **Participatory Research Methods** course. Students are introduced to various qualitative research methodologies, paradigms, question formulation strategies, various field data collections tools and data analysis.

#### Phase II | Summer\*

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

**Research for Development Internship** is a summer internship that lasts between four to six weeks. Students are placed with NGOs in developing countries engaged in participatory research and evaluation. Many NGOs have projects pertaining to issues of poverty reduction, health care, civil society governance, education, peace and conflict, migration and human rights. Internships are available in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

#### Phase III | Fall

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##### **PUBM 591 (1 to 3 credits)**

##### **Fall Quarter Research Consortium in Special Topics**

requires students to write a comprehensive paper of their research project which includes a description of the project, data collected, and project outcomes. Students present their research findings at a Seattle University consortium.

*\*For those who cannot participate in the summer internship, students can choose to enroll in the Applied Research Course solely.*

### Application Information

The application deadline for the **Research for Development Graduate Program** is March 2nd, 2009. 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

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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