Peace Studies
PhD & MLitt Research
Peace Studies in Trinity College Dublin seeks to understand the sources of conflict and how to resolve it through peacemaking and peacebuilding. Peace Studies in TCD includes three postgraduate programmes: the MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (based in Belfast), the MPhil in International Peace Studies and the Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies (both based in Dublin). We also supervise PhD and MLitt students conducting research on a wide range of peace and conflict related issues.

Peace Studies is part of the School of Religion in Trinity College Dublin. The School consists of two disciplines: 1) Peace Studies, and 2) Religious Studies. The School is committed to interdisciplinarity, academic rigour and public engagement. The School of Religion in Trinity College Dublin tackles some of the big questions facing humanity by seeking to understand the roles of peace and conflict, religion and theology in both their historical settings and contemporary life.

We offer PhD and MLitt supervision on a wide range of topics relevant to Peace Studies and the research interests of academic staff. This includes research on questions related to peacebuilding and peace processes; conflict and peace in Ireland; religion, conflict and peace; human rights; gender; migration and human trafficking; and the ethics of peace and war.

Students work closely with an academic supervisor over a four-year period (full-time), engaging in focused research on a specific topic agreed with the supervisor that will provide an original contribution to knowledge. Training in appropriate research methodologies is available. Recent PhD topics include: Peace Journalism and Conflict in the Horn of Africa; UNSC 1325 and Women’s Peacebuilding in Armenia and Azerbaijan; Secular Humanitarian Responses to Disasters in Religious Contexts; and Political Leadership and Conflict Transformation: Women, Politics and Peace in Northern Ireland. We also provide supervision for a Masters degree by research (MLitt) over a two-year period (full-time). Students may also study part-time for both a PhD (six years) and an MLitt (three years).
### Admission Requirements
Those interested in pursuing postgraduate research degrees (PhD or MLitt) are advised to discuss their research proposal with a relevant member of academic staff prior to submitting a formal application. Academic staff details can be found on the following link [www.tcd.ie/religion/people/academicstaff/](http://www.tcd.ie/religion/people/academicstaff/). Postgraduate research students can register in September or March of the academic year.

### Career Opportunities
Our graduates find employment in a wide range of careers, such as: conflict resolution and mediation, peacebuilding, human rights, international development, NGOs and the non-profit sector, advocacy and activism, the public sector and government, diplomacy, the United Nations and international organisations, research, teaching, journalism, academia and law.

### Scholarships
Some scholarships are available on a competitive basis to PhD and MLitt students in Peace Studies. Please see: [www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/scholarships/](http://www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/scholarships/)

### How to apply
If you are interested in either of these programmes please contact the Senior Executive Officer, School of Religion at srpostgrad@tcd.ie. You can apply online directly through the School of Religion website at [www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/pgstudiespeace/](http://www.tcd.ie/religion/postgraduate/pgstudiespeace/) or by choosing the School of Religion on the following link [www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty/](http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/faculty/).