Call for visiting researchers, for the period 2022-2026

Through our joint NORHED II project, Partnership for Peace: Better Higher Education for Resilient Societies Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá - Colombia invites applications for the researcher exchange programme for the period 2022-2026.

About the institution

Universidad de los Andes was founded in 1948 and stands today as the most highly ranked private university in Colombia and one of the best ranked Latin American universities (according to QS World Rankings). For many years, studies of armed conflict, violence, peace, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and security have permeated academic curricula at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as the scholarly production of its professors. Today, many different academic units strive for academic excellence in pursuing questions related to, among other topics, the drug trade and security (Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad y Drogas, School of Economics), the evolution of armed conflict indicators and the impact of violence on displaced populations (Centro de Estudios sobre el Desarrollo Económico, CEDE, School of Economics), the emotional health of victims and perpetrators in transitional contexts, the development of historical memory (Department of Sociocultural Studies, School of Social Sciences), issues of peace negotiations, transitional justice and the political economy of resource wars (Research Program on Armed Conflict and Peacebuilding, Political Science Department, School of Social Sciences), the relationship between international law and Human Rights and the shaping of transitional justice (Centro de Investigaciones Jurídicas, CIJUS; School of Law), the sub-national realities of armed conflict and peacebuilding with a gender perspective (Centro de Estudios Interdisciplinarios para el Desarrollo, CIDER), the narratives and symbolic representations of violence and the reparation of victims (School of Arts and Humanities and Department of Literature), the discussion of Human Rights in relation to understandings of morality and gender (Department of Philosophy, School of Social Sciences), and the development of anti-landmines technology (School of Engineering). In September 2015 Universidad de los Andes launched an interdisciplinary Master's Program in Peacebuilding. In promoting this ambitious research agenda, Universidad de los Andes has developed close ties to the domestic and international policy-making sector as well as a highly capable administrative structure which regularly manages funds and requirements from diverse sources.

The application process

We will host up to two guest researchers (PhD or junior faculty) each year for the period 2022-2024 and one each year in 2025 and 2026. The Norhed-financing will cover travel and accommodation costs, as well as a per diem. The research exchange can last up to two months (60 days). Guest researchers will need to provide proof of valid medical insurance. Participation in the NORHED program does not amount to a formal contract of employment with Universidad de los Andes.

We will have an annual application deadline. The deadline for the 2022 visiting researchers is **December 6th, 2021**. When applying for a guest research placement, please send a short CV of two pages maximum, a letter of motivation, demonstrating how this exchange is relevant to your PhD project or research interests, including tentative activities for your stay. Please also indicate approximate dates during the year in which your exchange would be possible/preferable.

We have three guiding principles in the participant selection process, namely the quality of candidate; the relevance of the course for the candidates' research; and gender balance within each institution and in the programme as a whole.

Please send your questions and your applications to Professor <u>Angelika Rettberg</u> (rettberg@uniandes.edu.co).