



The [Center for Peace and Development](#) (CPD) is pleased to announce a call for applications for the [Security in Context](#) (SiC) Research Fellows grant. All University of Oklahoma graduate students are eligible to apply.

The SiC Research Fellows program is a collaboration between the CPD and the Security in Context initiative. The goal is to provide early career scholars with research interests in the thematic fields of the project (discussed further below) with mentorship support in their research projects as well as practical experience in an initiative that seeks to bridge scholarly research with public engagement.

The CPD's mission is to advance knowledge of local peacebuilding efforts and to work alongside local civil society organizations committed to community transformation. The CPD has been working with various grassroots organizations in northern Uganda for a bottom up approach to peace and development. We also have a mission to link scholars and activists from around the world who are contending with these important issues.

The *Security in Context* is an interdisciplinary research and pedagogy initiative that promotes critical research and policy analysis around key questions related to peace and conflict, political economy, development, the politics of in/security and militarism, particularly as they intersect with issues related to emerging technologies, mobility, infrastructure, climate change and geopolitics. As a collective, members of the project are working toward bridging scholarly research and public engagement with a center of perspectives from and about the global South.

What are thematic fields of interest?

We are interested in students with an interest in examining questions of peace, conflict, and in/security from a critical and interdisciplinary perspective. This may include students working on topics from a critical security studies, global studies, international political economy perspective or who conduct work on issues related to peace, gender, human and economic development, conflict, militarism, policing, or generally issues related to the study of precarity and insecurity in societies in the global South. To learn more about the work of Security in Context and the various working groups involved visit www.securityincontext.com

Who is eligible to apply?

All University of Oklahoma graduate students who are interested in any of the thematic fields.

What does becoming a SiC Research Fellow entail?

If selected, the students will receive a \$2,500.00/semester scholarship for fall 2023. Fellows are expected to be involved in the program for one semester, with the possibility of renewal for another semester. During the semester, Fellows will be expected to participate in CPD & SiC activities under the guidance of the members of the CPD Executive Committee. The Fellowship offers graduate students the opportunity to work on the research/project included in their application materials. Fellow also have the option to organize seminars, webinars, interviews or reviewing and

curating content on the CPD/SiC website based on their interests. During the semester, the Fellows will be paired up with faculty from the CPD and the Security in Context network to receive feedback and other mentorship support on their research projects. The faculty may or may not be OU faculty members, depending on the needs of the particular student. At the end of the semester, Fellows will be expected to organize & participate in a research seminar featuring graduate students from across the SiC network.

Why this is an exciting opportunity?

You have the potential to join a major research and pedagogy initiative with multiple partnerships around the world and work with leading scholars in your areas of interest. In addition to developing your own research, you will get the chance to network with like-minded scholars and practitioners in the US and around the world. You will gain practical leadership and organizing skills working with a project that bridges academia, policy, public engagement and pedagogy. Should you be interested there is the possibility of continuing with Security in Context as a researcher in the initiative.

For more information, contact Prof. Demir at fdemir@ou.edu.

To apply, send a letter of application (maximum 3,000 words) to Prof. Demir that details your research interests, your qualifications, and the project you are proposing (which can also be a part of an M.A. thesis or Ph.D. dissertation). Highlight how your interests and project fit with the interests of CPD and SiC. Provide the names and contact information of two faculty members who can provide references. In the subject line of your e-mail, include “CPD-SiC Fellowship.”

Fellows will be chosen based on their fit with CPD and SiC interests by the Project Manager and the Executive Committee of CPD. The results will be announced by August 15, 2023.

Deadline for applications: August 1, 2023

Fellowship dates: August 15 – December 31, 2023