



GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY  
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## DOCTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DIR)

The Doctor of International Relations (DIR) Programme is the highest degree offered by the Geneva School of Diplomacy (GSD); it develops academic excellence through meticulous independent research and real-world applicability. GSD confers doctoral degrees based on two distinct modalities: by research or by dossier.

### DIR BY RESEARCH

The DIR research programme offers a unique and exciting intellectual environment for an in-depth interdisciplinary study of International Relations & Diplomacy. The programme has already attracted highly skilled and experienced students worldwide coming from Afghanistan, Bahrain, France, Hungary, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Pakistan, Russia, and the USA, amongst others.

Students conduct research in diverse areas such as traditional and new security issues, diplomacy, political economy, human rights, geopolitics, and post-colonial studies. Doctoral students are expected to contribute to the GSD research profile by being affiliated as research fellows to the **Globecraft@ Institute**.

**Globecraft@ Institute** is part of GSD and is an autonomous research organization working on avant-garde and world pressing issues in the political, legal, and economic arenas.

### DIR BY DOSSIER

The DIR by Dossier is awarded by GSD to leading authorities in the field of study concerned. This prestigious doctorate degree only recognizes high-level scholarly work which is distinct, impactful, and original.

The candidate submits a dossier to GSD presenting a minimum of 8 scholarly papers published by a renowned representative international journal or a book from a top publishing house. A commission formed by GSD and external examiners will be created to assess each particular case. Only outstanding work will be considered.

- Located in the heart of the most diplomatic neighbourhood on the planet •
- Highly distinguished faculty & small, interactive classes •
- Internship & networking possibilities • Theory & praxis-oriented curriculum •

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Duration: 3 years full-time (for DIR by Research)
- Credits required: 240 ECTS (for DIR by Research)
- Rolling Admissions (both DIR by Research and by Dossier)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- For a full overview of the entry requirements, please visit our website [www.genevadiplomacy.ch](http://www.genevadiplomacy.ch)



## STUDY ENVIRONMENT

GSD post-graduate students work closely with their assigned supervisor who in turn collaborates intensively with each candidate to achieve the highest quality work in terms of methodology and theory.

## THE GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY

GSD is a dynamic private university specialized in the teaching of International Relations & Diplomacy. We are located in the very heart of the diplomatic world and connected to the surrounding international organizations, United Nations offices, missions, and non-governmental organizations.

Our small, interactive classes with highly distinguished faculty members offer many lectures hosted by high profile guest speakers. We give our students the ability to create a network that can be life-lasting and life-changing. GSD graduates are aimed to acquire academic, vocational and practical diplomatic skills needed to enter their professional field of preference.

For more information about the DIR programme, please go to our website [www.genevadiplomacy.ch](http://www.genevadiplomacy.ch) or contact us via [info@genevadiplomacy.ch](mailto:info@genevadiplomacy.ch)



The programme, location, and schedule fit me perfectly as a working professional at the United Nations. It provided me with the necessary skills to excel in my work. Crisis Management, Decision Making, Leadership, Research Methods, International Negotiation, International Financing are examples of the courses that were given to me which I can now apply to my day-to-day work. My network of professional contacts has considerably grown!

GSD has made me evolve on so many levels: I am now able to use a more logical and systematic approach when working on different projects. With the theory and practice provided to me in the areas of Management, Technology, Politics, and Diplomacy I now have the capability to ensure consistent decision making as a UN official.

**DAVID Z. WU** (Canada)  
Doctor of International Relations  
Alumni

