



# University for Peace



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Dear prospective student,

The world as we know it has changed. The Coronavirus pandemic has forced us to change our daily habits and confront our own reality, including our relationships with our family, our loved ones, and each other as a global community. The world is just now waking up and realizing what we, as UPEACERS, have always known: we are a global community, we must act for the greater good, and only together can we face the biggest challenges facing mankind.

Since the emergence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the University for Peace (UPEACE) has been carefully following the developments all over the world and making decisions in line with the guidelines set forth by both the OMS/WHO and the Government of Costa Rica. Early on, based on the scaling-up of response from the Costa Rican Government and following the example of educational institutions around the world, UPEACE transitioned all face-to-face courses to an online modality for the rest of the semester, in an effort to safeguard the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff.

We understand these are trying times for all of us and that many of us are struggling to stay productive and continue making future plans. For this reason, we have decided to **keep our application deadline open** in the hopes that this will give all of you more time to complete the application process. We are hopeful that will be able to launch our 2020-2021 academic year in the fall, with you as part of this latest cohort (exact start date to be determined).

We are committed to making sure that the University for Peace – more relevant now than ever – lives on to allow future generations to gain the skills necessary to face the many challenges that arise as a result of our globalized world. In light of this pandemic, the world needs you now more than it ever has, and we hope you will answer this call and allow us to guide you towards being at the forefront of similar scenarios in the future.

We extend our empathy, our solidarity, and our wishes that we all stay safe and come out of this stronger and more committed to the common cause of peace.

With regards from our main Campus in Costa Rica,

Francisco Rojas Aravena  
Rector

