

5thInternational Online
Fellowship Program on
Nonviolence and Peace

02 OCT 2026 to 30 JAN 2027



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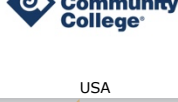
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Gandhi viewed civilisation as essentially a journey of nonviolence. For him, nonviolence is the law of life. The world has come to realise this fact, as Gen. McArthur said, violence is not only fundamentally wrong but contains the germs of self-destruction. The work of Gandhi demonstrated the efficacy of nonviolence as an attitude and a system of conducting personal and public life in a manner that is just, peaceful, and sustainable. This assumes great significance in the 21st century, as modernity has enabled every individual to become global in their potential. With the Internet, satellite communication, and a global economy, our every action draws upon a world of energy, making us global in both our strength and ability. In the words of Alfred North Whitehead, the world "arises and coalesces" in becoming the individual she is today. Individual life has gained 'vishwaroop' (global stature). In other words, society (global society) has become the very body of every individual. There is no individual without society today. Even for self-interest, one has to be socially conscious. Not being socially conscious is therefore contrary to the nature of modern life.

As Martin Luther King Jr. observed: "The choice today is not between violence and nonviolence. It is between nonviolence and nonexistence". While Einstein was correct in saying, "Nuclear weapons changed everything except our way of thinking", Nelson Mandela was wise to seek the reconciliation of people to one another as crucial to building the unity required for progressive collective action. From personal deceit to warfare and ecological destruction, we witness consequences in life of ethical transgressions at every front – with humankind threatening the very prospect of life on earth. Greta Thunberg and others remind us that good intentions must be manifested in actions, or else be properly condemned as empty rhetoric. More than just a Fellowship Certificate Program, this course of study seeks to be relevant to every successful applicant, both locally and globally, as we work together to become more aware and empowered global citizens. With a view to introducing Gandhian nonviolence to new and future generations, Sevagram Ashram Pratishthan, in association with Gandhi International, Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights-AUNOHR, International Centre of Nonviolence, Durban University of Technology and Portland Community College, offer a Four-Month online training program on nonviolence and peace.

Program Summary

Name of the Program

International Fellowship Program on Nonviolence and Peace

Program status

Training; online

Duration

Four Months (October 02, 2026-January 30, 2027)

Program Summary

International students, Professionals, Community Leaders, Teachers, Life-long

Learners, anyone interested in nonviolence & peace

Eligibility

Proficiency in English; 21 years of age

No. of Participants

30 (admission at discretion of program administrators/partners)

Facilitators

Prof. Dorcas Oyebisi Ettang, Dr. Ogarit Younan, Dr. Michael Warren Sonneleitner, Christophe Grigri, Dr. D. John Chelladurai, Dr. Siby K. Joseph.

Associates/Partners

Dr. Seema Sajjan, Bsher Said, Dr. Daniela Sepulveda-Ruiz

Resource Persons

Prof. Michael Nagler, Kathy Kelly, Louis Campana, Dr. Christian Bartolf, Dr. Nahla Harb, Prof. Prem Anand Mishra et al.

Nature of the Program

Training Workshop – Transdisciplinary

Methodology

Interactive lectures, participatory

Tools

Exercises, Audio visuals / PPT

Technique

Design thinking, Group discussions, Case presentation

Objectives of the Course

To introduce the fundamentals of Gandhian nonviolence and peace;

Explore the dynamics of nonviolence;

Analyze the global context, condition, and constitution of peace;

Familiarize nonviolent action: struggle for justice and peace; and parameters of sustainable living;

Equip individuals to transform conflict into creative experience and handle turbulent human situations constructively.

Learning Outcome

Participants are enabled with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of nonviolence and its application in life; empowered to handle challenges inclusively; and equipped with tools and techniques to construct sustainable peace within self and society.

Pedagogy

Teaching sessions, interaction with practitioners, training workshops, library sessions, field visits (in respective neighborhoods), journal writing and project work

Syllabus

Global sustainability challenges and response: an analysis; Fundamentals and dynamics of Gandhian nonviolence and peace; Global experience in nonviolent action (resistance) Nonviolent methods of Dealing with Conflict

Program Structure

Sessions	3 times a week - Thursday, Friday and Saturday (90 minutes a session)
Sessions starting time	7 pm IST (Indian Standard Time). Check the local equivalent
Practical (desired)	3 hours a week (neighborhood engagement)
Tutorial	Fortnightly (2 hours)
Mentor / supervisor	Candidates get a mentor for the practical and project writing
Project	Periodical assignments and final report submission
Admission process	Online application and personal interviews
Certification	Fellowship Certificate and Peace Fellow Declaration in March 2027

We invite interested people to apply immediately.

APPLY HERE

(Care will be taken to maximise worldwide representation)

For more details, contact:

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