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The Department of Health Sciences

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR MSc IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (MIHA)

The Department of Health Sciences at the **University of York** invites applications for its MSc in International Humanitarian Affairs (MIHA).

The MIHA is unique as an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary postgraduate programme on international humanitarian affairs that is delivered exclusively online. It provides an academic setting for professionals:

- To develop how they understand and respond to humanitarian needs in complex operational contexts such as violent conflict, natural hazards and political crises
- To examine and analyse contemporary issues, challenges and dilemmas using social, political, cultural, economic and environmental perspectives, lived experiences of affected communities and changing policy debates as well as the technical approaches of the main humanitarian sectors
- To gain advanced academic and policy skills, and learn how to use theory to maintain good practice.

The MIHA has been designed by an international group of scholars, field practitioners, policy experts and specialists in humanitarianism. A dedicated team of academic staff will teach you from the Department of Health Sciences. You will also have direct access to leading humanitarian policy experts at the UN OCHA, IFRC, Islamic Relief and Kenya Red Cross Society amongst others.

As a MIHA student, you will already have experience in humanitarian policy, practice and/or research, or you may want to use this innovative programme to begin a career in this rapidly growing field.

The MIHA strives to meet the diverse educational and professional needs of its students; therefore, you will be able to complete this programme while remaining in full-time employment. You will be able to gain a globally recognised postgraduate qualification within a **2-year period** while gaining in-depth knowledge of theory, policy and practice of humanitarianism, research skills, monitoring and evaluation as well as different methods of humanitarian delivery. In the second year you will design and pursue an independent project and complete a 15,000-word dissertation with support from an academic faculty and policy experts.

Please contact Dr Janaka Jayawickrama, Programme Leader, at: janaka.jayawickrama@york.ac.uk or Dr Jo Rose, Deputy Programme Leader, at: jo.rose@york.ac.uk for further information. To start the course in September 2016, the deadline for completed applications is **September 02nd 2016**. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as there are a limited number of places available.

