

YRI - Research Training Programme

Call for Application for

“Diploma Course in Qualitative Research”

For Mid-Level Social Science Researchers and Lecturers

Duration: October 2025 – September 2026

Total Period: 1 Year (3 Months Training + 9 Months Group Research Project Writing)

Maximum Course Capacity: 18

Trainers: Dr. Magnolia & Dr. Sabae Khine

Target Audiences

This course is designed for mid-level social science researchers who:

- Possess some theoretical and practical experience in human rights and legal research.
- Aspire to become mentors and trainers for emerging youth researchers.

Course Objectives

- To strengthen both theoretical and practical qualitative research skills of mid-level researchers aiming to become effective mentors.
- To promote a deeper understanding of local human rights and social justice issues through collaborative research, enabling participants to deliver high-quality educational and training content in the future.

Course Structure

Phase (1) Intensive Training & Proposal Developing Phase

- **Duration:** October 3, 2025 – end of December 2025
- **Format:** 12 weeks (2 hours per session)
- **Schedule:** Every Friday, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Myanmar Time)
- **Delivery Mode:** Zoom and all materials will be made available through the learning management system (LMS)
- Training Topics may include
 - Foundations of qualitative research
 - Ethics in human rights and social justice research
 - Research design and methodologies
 - Data collection and analysis techniques
 - Writing and communication strategies for social research
 - Mentoring and pedagogy for emerging researchers

- Understanding AI tools as research assistants

Phase (2) Group Research Writing and Mentorship

- **Duration:** January – September 2026
- **Format:** Collaborative group research projects under the guidance of experienced mentors
- **Support Mechanism:** Monthly progress seminars (held on the last Friday of each month) to provide peer and mentor feedback
- **Output:** 6 Group Research Working Papers
 - **Length (English):** 8,000 ~ 10,000 words (excluding references)
 - **Length (Burmese):** Up to 15,000 words

Eligibility Criteria

- Minimum 2 years of teaching and/or research experience in social science, legal, or human rights-related fields
- Demonstrated interest or involvement in mentoring youth or peer researchers
- Commitment to complete the full course duration and contribute to group research output

Application Process

Interested applicants are required to submit CV which mentioned your previous research experiences and a proposal that meets the following criteria:

- **Length:** Maximum of 3 pages
- **Content:**
 - Clear articulation of the **research problem**
 - Defined **research objectives or key questions**
 - Proposed **methodology**
- **Thematic Focus:** Proposals should align with one or more of the following areas:
 - (1) Bottom-up peace building initiative or community-led peacebuilding
 - (2) Impact of earthquake [e.g, health or education sector]
 - (3) Gender-based violence in Conflict-settings
 - (4) Peace Education under Local Governance in Myanmar

Group Applications

- Group applications are highly encouraged.
- Each group may consist of up to **three (3) researchers**.
- All group members must meet the eligibility criteria and commit to the full duration of the program.

Submission Instructions

- Please submit your application (CV & Proposal) via [Application Form](#) or Scan the QR.



- For inquiry: sla.research@pnmdsecretariat.org and senior.research.officer@ycu-mm.org.
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