



Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for Rotarians

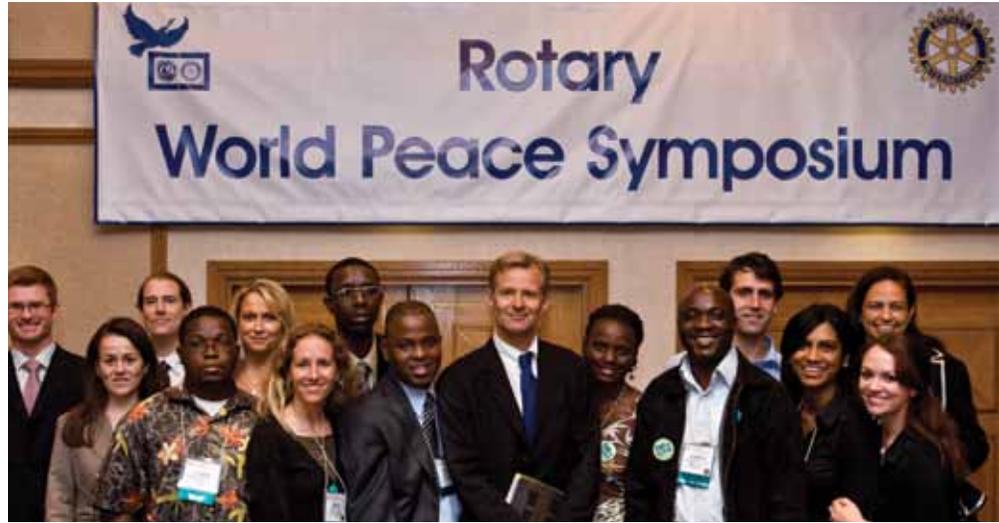


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The Rotary Peace Centers program offers all Rotary districts a unique opportunity to participate in a major educational and peace priority of The Rotary Foundation. This guide explains the program and the process for selecting fellowship candidates and promoting the program. It outlines strategies in finding qualified candidates.

Prospective applicants are eager to learn more about the Rotary Peace Fellowships and to assess how the program relates to their career goals. Rotarians will find this program guide useful when working with their fellowship subcommittees to select candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships.

Statement of Purpose

The Rotary Peace Centers program supports the Foundation’s mission to improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty by

- Supporting and advancing research, teaching, publication, and practical field experience on issues of peace, goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding
- Inspiring people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skills by generating interaction between practitioners and academics
- Providing advanced international educational opportunities in the area of peace and conflict resolution
- Providing a means for The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace

Each year, up to 60 Rotary Peace Fellowships are available for master’s degree study in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas, and up to 50 Rotary Peace Fellowships are available for a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. Fellows are selected on a world-competitive basis. Through their unique and diverse interdisciplinary programs, the Rotary Peace Centers provide academic and practical training to better equip peace fellows for leadership roles in solving the many problems that contribute to conflict around the world.

Program Options

The Rotary Peace Centers program offers master’s degree and professional development certificate study of varying lengths. Rotarians should become familiar with the following differences between the offerings in order to best advise interested applicants.

Fellowship Program	Master’s Degree	Professional Development Certificate
Purpose	Building the leaders of tomorrow	Strengthening the leaders of today
Length of study	15-24 months (varies by university)	3 months
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Number of fellowships	60 maximum (up to 12 per Rotary Peace Center)	50 maximum (25 per session: January-April or June-August)
Practical, field experience	2-3 months of practical internship during academic break	2-3 weeks of field study incorporated into curriculum

Rotary Peace Centers University Partners

The Rotary Peace Centers operate in partnership with premier universities, each with a unique curriculum focusing on various aspects of international studies related to peace and conflict resolution. Programs vary by university and include peace studies, conflict resolution, international relations, international development policy, journalism, environmental studies, public health, education, and public administration, among others. The programs are designed to provide Rotary Peace Fellows with a broad range of academic experiences. All courses are conducted in English.

Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Thailand

- Professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies
- Intensive three-month certificate course that balances theoretical and practical learning while capitalizing on the diverse experiences of expert lecturers and participants
- Emphasis on extending global outlook and strengthening negotiation abilities
- No admission requirement
- Two sessions/year: January-April and June-August

Duke University & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill United States

- Hosted jointly
- Master's degree at either Duke or UNC Chapel Hill, and UNC Graduate Certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Eligible to earn the UNC Graduate Certificate in International Development or a Certificate in International Development Policy from Duke
- Duke: Program in International Development Policy; interdisciplinary training in policy analysis and sustainable development that emphasizes conflict prevention through poverty reduction, improved governance, human rights, environmental management, and cooperative processes
- UNC: Various programs, including anthropology, city and regional planning, education, geography, history, journalism, political science, public health, and social work. Fellows take required courses in the department to which they're admitted and link their specialized studies to the objective of peace and conflict resolution.
- Option to submit master's thesis for inclusion in the Carolina Papers Series
- 21 months beginning in August

International Christian University Tokyo, Japan

- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- MA in peace studies, public administration, or international relations
- Specialized courses in security and conflict resolution, development, conflict and peace-building, the psychology of peace and conflict resolution, and human rights
- Optional electives in international law, development, environment studies, education, and literacy
- Participation in the United Nations University Global Seminar and Joint Graduate School Seminar
- Japanese proficiency not required but does allow fellows to access a full range of course offerings
- 22 months beginning in September, with six-week intensive Japanese-language training program July through mid-August

University of Bradford **West Yorkshire, England**

- Master of Arts program, Department of Peace Studies
- Courses in peace studies, conflict resolution, African peace and conflict studies, international politics and security studies, and conflict security and development studies.
- Staff and research students work in three broad areas: International Security Group, Politics and Social Change Group, and Centre for Conflict Resolution.
- 15 months beginning in October

University of Queensland **Brisbane, Australia**

- Master of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) program, School of Political Science and International Studies
- Study topics: human rights, ethics and world politics, arms control, and global women's issues
- 16 months beginning in February

Uppsala Universitet **Uppsala, Sweden**

- Master of Peace and Conflict Studies program, Department of Peace and Conflict Research
- Critically examine, assess, and analyze the origin, development, and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis
- Gain a systemic understanding of the basic questions pertaining to the research and study of matters related to war, peace, and conflict resolution at local, national, regional, and global levels, including security, democracy, economic development, human rights, and gender
- 22 months beginning in September

Because the universities, their admissions requirements, and their curricula vary, applicants are expected to research their university preferences thoroughly before applying.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships must have the following:

- Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent (master's program) or equivalent work experience (certificate program)
- At least 3 years of combined paid or unpaid full-time relevant work experience (master's program)
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience with current full-time employment in a mid- to upper-level position (certificate program)
- English proficiency, plus proficiency in a second language (master's program only); for study at International Christian University, some Japanese-language ability is helpful but not mandatory
- Excellent leadership skills
- Commitment to international understanding and peace through personal and community service activities or academic and professional achievements

Applying to the Rotary Peace Fellowships program immediately after receiving an undergraduate degree is discouraged.

Country of study. Fellowship recipients may not study at a Rotary Peace Center in their country of citizenship or permanent residence. Exceptions:

- Japanese citizens or residents of Japan who have completed a course of study outside Japan may attend the center at International Christian University.
- Thai citizens or residents of Thailand may attend the center at Chulalongkorn University.

Applicants who have dual citizenship or permanent residence in another country cannot apply for study at a Rotary Peace Center in either country.

Districts may sponsor foreign nationals or candidates from other nations who are unable to locate a sponsor district in their country of birth for the Rotary Peace Fellowships (including candidates from non-Rotary regions) who have close ties to the sponsor Rotary district.

University admission. Fellowship recipients must gain unconditional admission to their assigned universities. Failure to do so will nullify the fellowship. Final university admission decisions will rest with the universities; Rotary cannot intervene, under any circumstances, in the admissions process. Exception: Peace fellows assigned to the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University are exempt from this requirement.

Applicants must be committed to completing the entire Rotary Peace Centers program and obtaining the corresponding degree or certificate at the end of the fellowship period.

Rotary Peace Fellowships may not be used for PhD study, even if such a degree may be completed at a Rotary Peace Center university within the fellowship period. Applicants who have completed previous graduate study and wish to pursue a PhD are not suitable fellowship candidates.

Eligibility. The following people are not eligible to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship in the master's program:

- Rotarian
- Honorary Rotarian
- Employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International
- Spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories
- Former Rotarian within 36 months of resignation from Rotary or his/her relative as described above

Such individuals, however, may apply to the Rotary Peace Center in Thailand on an exception basis and, if accepted, are responsible for paying for all program-related costs, health insurance, and airfare.

Rotaract members and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars are eligible to apply. Alumni of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program and the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University must wait three years between the completion of their program and applying for the Rotary Peace Centers master's degree program. Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the master's degree program are not eligible for the Chulalongkorn program.

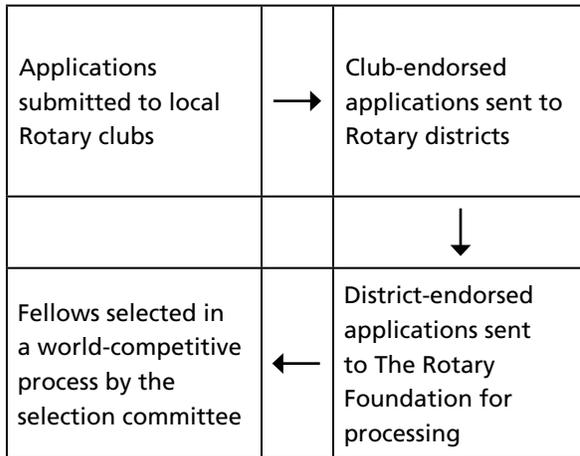
Applicants cannot compete for both the Ambassadorial Scholarship and the Rotary Peace Fellowship in the same year.

Persons with disabilities are eligible for Rotary Foundation awards and should not be overlooked. With the support of Rotarians in the sponsor and host districts, persons with disabilities have served as successful Rotary award recipients.

Availability

Rotary Peace Fellowships are offered on a worldwide competitive basis. Each Rotary district and non-districted club may submit as many applicants as they deem qualified for competition in the annual selection process. All districts are encouraged to recruit qualified applicants for the fellowship and to nominate candidate(s) for the annual competition. District eligibility to nominate candidates each year is not dependent on district financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Fellow selection is independent of funding.

Application Process

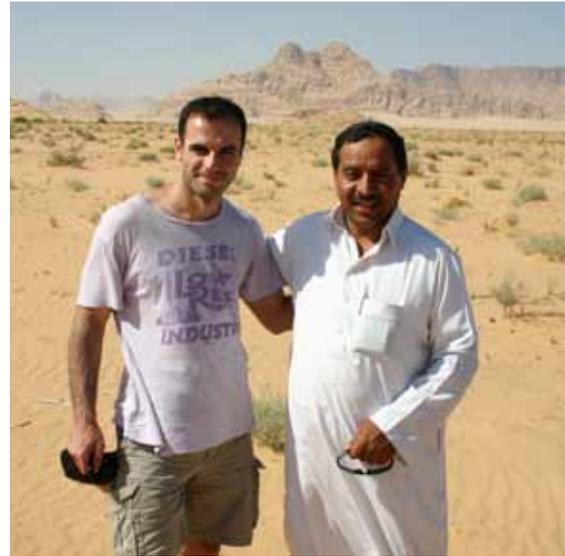


Funding

Funding the Rotary Peace Fellowships is a global Rotary effort. These fellowships are supported through a pool of funds contributed by districts from their District Designated Fund (DDF) within the SHARE system, making it possible to offer the fellowships on a world-competitive basis.

Districts are not required to contribute funds to the peace fellowships pool to nominate fellowship candidates. However, all districts are encouraged to allocate some amount of their DDF in support of the peace fellowships. Any amount of DDF may be contributed; there is no minimum requirement or maximum limit. Districts that commit US\$25,000 every year, or \$50,000 every other year, are recognized as Rotary Peace Center Peacebuilder Districts.

Major gifts to The Rotary Foundation that are restricted to support the Rotary Peace Centers program are extremely important. Financial contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary will ensure the long-term success of the Rotary Peace Centers. In the short term, funds committed by the Foundation Trustees will support the administration of the Rotary Peace Centers, and DDF will support the peace fellowships. For the future, support from individual Rotarians will be needed to cover the majority of the program's costs. Therefore, the Trustees have approved the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative, which seeks to raise \$95 million by 2015 in order to permanently endow the program. More information is available at www.rotary.org/contribute.



Finding and Selecting Candidates

Rotarians should consider a distinct marketing strategy for targeting applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships.

Finding Qualified Candidates

Qualified candidates should demonstrate a commitment to peace and conflict resolution through academic, volunteer, and professional experience, as well as outstanding leadership abilities and high academic achievement. Here is a sample list of areas from which to draw qualified applicants:

- Nongovernmental organizations involved in human rights, disaster relief, aid distribution, environmental advocacy, refugee issues, and other issues related to peace and international cooperation
- International organizations and corporations
- Government agencies, such as departments of state, foreign ministries, diplomatic corps, and other groups of civil servants
- International volunteer agencies
- Military, security, and law enforcement personnel
- Mediation, arbitration, and dispute resolution groups
- Meetings of returned Peace Corps volunteers
- University alumni associations

- Departments of international studies, international relations, political science, peace studies, and conflict resolution at local colleges and universities
- Former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars or Group Study Exchange participants who work with international issues, development, peace-building, and conflict resolution, even if they currently live outside your district

Clubs and districts in areas that are experiencing or have recently experienced conflict are also encouraged to heavily promote this fellowship opportunity. Candidates from conflict regions have great potential for making an impact on peace and conflict resolution through study and training at the Rotary Peace Centers.

Districts may want to consider the following ideas for promoting the fellowship to attract qualified candidates:

- Inquire about the possibility of holding informational meetings with the groups listed previously.
- Host a lecture or discussion on a topic relevant to peace or international understanding. Promote this event to the groups listed previously.
- Invite current or former Rotary Peace Fellows or Ambassadorial Scholars to speak at informational meetings for Rotarians and non-Rotarian groups.
- Identify individuals affiliated with the groups listed previously and send them copies of the *Rotary Peace Fellowships Brochure (084)* to share with their students, members, or clients. Be sure to include your district's contact information.
- Issue news releases to local/regional publications, college/university newspapers, radio stations, and public access cable television stations. News releases should reference the Rotary website at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters, where interested individuals can find more information. A sample news release is provided in this guide.
- Encourage the organizations and agencies listed previously to add links to the RI website on their sites.
- Contact leadership in Rotary districts that have nominated successful candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowships to gather information on marketing and candidate recruitment strategies.

Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds based on their ability to make the greatest impact on peace and conflict resolution during their careers. When considering applicants' academic and professional achievements, use the applicants' written statement and interview to determine how their interests, professional experience, previous studies, and volunteer experiences relate to the goals of the program. The most qualified candidates are chosen as peace fellows for each center's program. Where feasible, however, the selection committee also takes into consideration the candidates' professional, academic, geographic, and cultural background to achieve a diverse group of fellows at each Rotary Peace Center.



Profiles of Successful Peace Fellow Candidates

A career civil servant charged with mediating local disputes over political and environmental issues, who plans to develop and implement better social and environmental policies and training models for his or her home government

A health care professional who has provided medical care and training to the poor in war-torn countries and plans a career in international public health

A humanitarian aid agency project officer who has created microcredit loan programs for AIDS widows in Sub-Saharan Africa, and plans a career in economic development through poverty reduction

A social worker who has counseled youth drafted as child soldiers, and plans a career in conflict prevention by creating regional mental health facilities that offer reconciliation and forgiveness training programs

A career military professional who worked with protective operations, and plans to incorporate conflict prevention and resolution methodology into the nation's armed forces

An educator who works with youth from different religious and ethnic groups, facilitating projects that will create greater understanding and prevent future conflicts

Connecting Applicants with Clubs

Connecting interested applicants with local Rotarians is a crucial part of the application process. To facilitate this connection, The Rotary Foundation will refer applicants to the district Rotary Peace Fellowships subcommittee chair (or, if the district doesn't have one, to the district governor or Foundation committee chair).

When contacted by prospective applicants, the district officer should refer them to the appropriate clubs and inform them of the district's application deadline; in turn, the district officer should alert club leaders that prospective applicants might be contacting them. If clubs do not have complete and updated information about the Rotary Peace Fellowships, the district peace fellowships chair should provide any necessary information and training. This referral system is designed to create a pool of excellent candidates for the annual worldwide competition.

Club Selection and Endorsement

Each Rotary club may endorse as many applicants for the Rotary Peace Fellowship as it deems qualified. The club Rotary Peace Fellowships subcommittee should review the purpose of the fellowship with all interested applicants and interview them before endorsing applications to be submitted to the district selection committee.

If highly qualified applicants are not available to attend in-person interviews, arrange for a phone interview, or video or web conference.

Sponsor Rotarians might arrange for applicants to interview with Rotarians where the applicant currently lives. If so, you might have applicants submit a video or audio recording that conveys their reasons for pursuing the fellowship, how the fellowship relates to their careers, and other information. See the *Rotary Peace Fellowship Application* (083) for a copy of the club endorsement form.

Sponsor clubs also should ensure that applicants have completed all application materials and submitted required accompanying documents such as academic transcripts and any tests required for admission to the universities they rank on the application form.

District Selection Committee and Process

Because of the unique criteria and special focus of the Rotary Peace Fellowship, interviews for these applicants should be held separately from those for Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The Foundation Trustees recommend that the committee considering Rotary Peace Fellowship applications include the current district Rotary Peace Fellowships subcommittee chair, district governor, immediate past governor, governor-elect, or Rotary Foundation committee chair, and three Rotarians or non-Rotarians with expertise in the field of peace and conflict resolution, education, or civic or business leadership. The district may want to consider inviting a former Rotary Peace Fellow or Ambassadorial Scholar with professional experience in international relations or conflict resolution to serve on the committee. If possible, the committee should include a member with language skills who can assess applicants' foreign language abilities.

Interviewing Candidates: What to Look For

In nominating candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowships, the selection committee should consider how potential fellows will further the program's objectives. The committee should assess how applicants have demonstrated a commitment to international understanding and peace, as well as their potential to become leaders or expand on their leadership role in government, business, education, media, and other professions as demonstrated through previous experience. Ultimately, the committee should select candidates with leadership skills who will promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through their service activities.

After completing the applicant screening and interview process, each Rotary district and nondistricted club may select as many applicants as they deem qualified for competition at the world level.

The district committee must complete the District Committee Interview Report (part of the fellowship application) for its selected Rotary Peace Fellow candidate(s). If applicants are living abroad and are unavailable for a personal interview, the district selection committee should arrange for an alternate means of interview (see "Club Selection and Endorsement"). Districts should furnish detailed and thorough responses in the interview report to provide The Rotary Foundation selection committee with complete candidate profiles.

Recruiting Candidates from Low-Income Countries

The Rotary Foundation has created two funds to offset application and predeparture costs for applicants from low-income countries:

1) Application costs. Applicants do not have to take the Graduate Record Exam (required at U.S. universities) and Test of English as a Foreign Language until chosen by their district. Once a candidate is selected by the district, the district pays for the required tests and travel expenses to the test sites. The nominating district is reimbursed up to US\$400 once the Foundation receives the application, test results, and appropriate reporting form, even if the candidate is ultimately not selected for the fellowship.

2) Predeparture costs. In the master's degree program, fellows who are admitted to their assigned Rotary Peace Center receive a predeparture assistance grant of \$1,000 to offset the costs of health insurance, visa, passport, medical exam, and university application fees. This grant is usually funded before the fellowship starts; otherwise, the grant is issued when the fellowship begins.



Competitive Selection Process

The Rotary Foundation must receive the district's endorsed candidate's application materials by 1 July of the year before the start of each program. The application must be complete and include all academic transcripts, test scores, and any other accompanying documents required for admission to the candidate's preferred universities noted on the application form. Incomplete applications or those sent without required test scores will not be considered by the selection committee. Applicants should consult the *Rotary Peace Fellowship Application* (083) or individual universities for information on test requirements.

Candidates may apply to their preferred universities before being selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow finalist. However, they should be aware that admission to a Rotary Peace Center university partner does not guarantee selection as a peace fellow. Similarly, finalists in the master's degree program are not guaranteed admission to their assigned Rotary Peace Center university partner. If a peace fellow finalist does not gain acceptance to the university, the fellow must relinquish the fellowship. All final admissions decisions rest with the universities. Fellowship finalists should not quit their jobs, alter their plans, or pursue speaking engagements until they have been accepted to the university partner and all plans have been finalized.

Program Timeline and Deadlines

Districts are responsible for distributing application materials to their clubs. Each district must set its own deadline for clubs to submit fellowship applications to the district for consideration, keeping in mind that district-endorsed applications are due to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July of the year preceding the start of the program. The following timeline is recommended for promoting the fellowship and selecting candidates. The Foundation also encourages clubs and districts to be flexible when following this timeline, to allow potential candidates who learn about the fellowship late in the year to apply.

Year Before Program	
December-February	District receives application materials from TRF and distributes them to clubs, notifying clubs of district deadline. District and clubs begin to promote the opportunity to attract well-qualified candidates.
March-May	Clubs interview and select candidates and submit their club-endorsed applications to the district by the deadline.
May-June	District interviews and selects one or more Rotary Peace Fellow candidates. District submits all applications to RI World Headquarters to arrive by 1 July.
July-October	The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Peace Center university partners screen applications and select fellowship finalists.
November	Districts and their candidates are notified of the results.

Orientation and Hosting

Each Rotary Peace Fellow has a Rotarian sponsor counselor who serves as an integral link between the fellow and the sponsor district and as a resource before, during, and after the fellowship period. The sponsor counselor provides support and one-on-one counseling about Rotary to the fellow.

Orientation

Sponsor and host districts must provide Rotary Peace Fellows with appropriate orientation to ensure that they understand The Rotary Foundation's mission, their role in supporting it, and their responsibilities as alumni.

Involving Rotarians in orientation seminars helps them connect with Rotary's work for international understanding and peace.

Peace fellows and their sponsor Rotarians should attend a regional Ambassadorial Scholars orientation seminar. To ensure the seminar's success, organizers should look for ways to address the special focus and expectations for the fellows. Organizers should allot time for fellows to meet with a small group of district leaders to discuss the fellows' unique responsibilities, expectations, potential projects, and collaboration.

If no orientation seminar is available in the region, the sponsor district should provide individualized orientation for the fellow that covers these topics. Guidelines for orientation of outbound fellows are available from TRF staff. In addition, all fellows must complete an online orientation training module.

Hosting

Each Rotary Peace Center has a host area that includes the Rotary district where the center is located and a number of surrounding districts. The host districts have a special challenge and opportunity in hosting a new class of Rotary Peace Fellows every year. Because Rotarian hosting is crucial to the peace fellows' success, a Rotarian counselor is assigned to each fellow in the host area.

Each Rotary Peace Center also has a Rotarian host area coordinator (appointed by the Foundation's trustee chair) who is typically a past district governor or regional Rotary Foundation coordinator. The host area coordinator serves as the primary contact between the host area Rotarians and the Rotary Peace Center director. The coordinator works with TRF to promote Rotary Peace Center activities, coordinate training and informational events, and facilitate host area club and district participation in these activities and events.

This joint hosting effort expands opportunities for Rotarian involvement with the Rotary Peace Center and provides important guidance and advice to the peace fellows and universities. TRF provides training and guidelines to the host areas to prepare them for their role and responsibilities in hosting the fellows. In turn, the host areas work with the universities to develop an annual orientation for the fellows.

Through orientation sessions and the active participation of host counselors and other area Rotarians, Rotary hopes to forge personal and lasting relationships between Rotary Peace Fellows and Rotarians. Each district also appoints an official host Rotary club to enhance the entire club's personal connection to the fellow and the fellow's relationship with many Rotarians in the host community.

Alumni Relations

Because Rotarians make a significant investment in Rotary Peace Fellows, they have high expectations for peace fellows in both their career commitments and ongoing involvement with Rotary. Rotary Peace Centers alumni are working in grassroots and local nongovernmental organizations, national government and military positions, law enforcement, and bilateral and international organizations such as the United Nations, World Bank, International Organization for Migration, and Organization of American States.

Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to maintain an association with Rotary throughout their careers. Sponsor and host Rotarians are key to developing a strong relationship that will continue and deepen over time. Alumni also help evaluate the Rotary Peace Centers program, promote it to potential candidates, and participate in Rotary Peace Centers annual seminars. The Foundation and the Rotary Peace Centers university partners track the fellows' careers to assess the program's impact on international relations and peace. Specific expectations for fellows are stated in the *Rotary Peace Fellowship Application* (083).

For examples of alumni success, see the *Rotary Peace Fellowships Alumni Booklet* (092) on the RI website. For information on all Rotary Peace Centers alumni, go to the Rotary Peace Centers web page, www.rotary.org/rotarycenters.

Online communities and the Rotary e-newsletters *Reconnections* and *Peace Net* keep alumni and Rotarians connected.



Resources

Rotarians and applicants alike are encouraged to visit www.rotary.org/rotarycenters for information on the Rotary Peace Centers program, including links to the university partners' websites.

Human Resources

District Rotary Peace Fellowship subcommittee chair: responsible for promoting club and district participation in the program and for selecting peace fellow candidates. The chair ensures careful attention to promotion and selection, orientation, hosting fellows, and alumni outreach.

Host area coordinator: Rotarian at each Rotary Peace Center responsible for coordinating peace fellow speaking engagements and other Rotarian requests at the center. Coordinators may be reached by contacting TRF staff (see the end of this section).

Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) and assistant RRFCs: Rotarians who serve as Foundation resources for district leadership. Rotarians are encouraged to use the RRFC network to guide districts in peace fellow selection and promotion efforts.

Please direct any questions not answered in this guide or on the Rotary website to TRF staff (email: rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org; phone: +1-847-866-3307; fax: +1-847-556-2141).

Application Materials

Rotary Peace Fellowship application materials can be downloaded at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. Applications must be submitted in English, but are available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish for reference. Updated application forms are available each December.

Application materials include:

- *Rotary Peace Fellowship Application (083)*, to be completed by applicants
- *Rotary Peace Fellowships Brochure (084)*, for clubs and districts to promote the program to potential candidates
- *Rotary Peace Centers Alumni Booklet (092)*, for Rotarians and potential candidates interested in the achievements and employment of peace fellow alumni

Sample News Release

The news release is a basic tool for communicating information about Rotary Peace Fellowship opportunities. The following is a suggested news release about application availability. You should adapt it as needed to fit your culture and media standards.

For Immediate Release

Contact: (Name)

(Phone; Fax)

(Email)

Rotary Peace Fellowship applications available

(CITY) (DATE) — Applications for Rotary Peace Fellowships are now available from the Rotary Club of (name).

The fellowships are for study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers to obtain a master's degree in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. The Rotary Peace Centers have been established by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in partnership with prestigious universities throughout the world.

During their studies, Rotary Peace Fellows work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict, and world understanding. The fellows participate in a Rotary Peace Centers seminar and will commit to a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace Fellowships cover up to two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and other limited expenses.

For more information and a fellowship application, contact [insert local contact information in this paragraph — name, address, and phone numbers, as well as application deadline dates] or visit www.rotary.org/rotarycenters.

The Rotary Peace Centers are hosted at the following universities:

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (both universities jointly host one Rotary Peace Center)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Appendix

Rotary Peace Centers History

Rotarians have long dreamed of creating a Rotary-sponsored academy to promote understanding and peace. Over the past 25 years, a variety of initiatives have been proposed to make this dream a reality. In 1996, under the leadership of Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Rajendra Saboo, a committee was formed to consider the concept of an educational center, institute, or university dedicated to Paul Harris as a way of commemorating the 50th anniversary of his death in 1947. This committee of four Rotarians with professional backgrounds and experience in higher education explored various academic models and ultimately recommended the creation of Paul Harris Centers for International Studies at several universities worldwide. At these centers, fellows would obtain a graduate degree focusing on issues related to international relations, conflict resolution, and peace studies. The Foundation Trustees adopted this proposal in principle and appointed a committee of Rotarians to fully develop the plan.

Over the next two years this committee created a conceptual plan for the centers, reviewed university proposals, and conducted site visits at universities interested in hosting a center. In 1999, the Trustees approved the plan to partner with universities to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The centers were so named to increase public awareness of Rotary's commitment to peace.

The Rotary Peace Centers Committee considered more than 100 universities and based their final recommendations to the Trustees on such criteria as geographic diversity, the university's willingness to work with The Rotary Foundation, superior faculty, and an established degree program with a core curriculum in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution. Rotary Peace Fellows began pursuing master's degrees at the Rotary Peace Centers in 2002.

In 2006, a pilot of a short-term peace studies program was launched at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This alternative to the master's degree program enhanced Rotary's existing work to support international peace studies and attracted mid- to upper-level professionals who could arrange to be away from their employment for just a few months. It also provided a lower-cost option to The Rotary Foundation and more immediate returns on Rotary's investment in world understanding and peace. In 2008, the Trustees approved the short-term option as a permanent offering within the Rotary Peace Centers program.

Differences between Rotary Peace Fellowships and Ambassadorial Scholarships

Although the Rotary Peace Fellowships program builds on the strengths and success of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, the focus and structure of the two programs differ in terms of scholarship availability, strategies for promotion and recruitment, selection criteria and process, application materials, and funding. Understanding the differences between the two programs will help in selecting qualified candidates for the fellowships program.

Rotary Peace Fellows	Ambassadorial Scholars
Have already earned a bachelor's degree or equivalent before starting their fellowship	Include students at the undergraduate and graduate levels
Have significant, relevant work experience in conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, international relations, or similar fields	May or may not have significant work experience
Demonstrate a commitment to a career dedicated to peace and conflict resolution following their fellowship	Pursue studies and careers in any academic and professional areas



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