Rotary Peace Fellowship

Award Details:

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**Brief Description:**
The Rotary Peace Fellowship is the premier academic scholarship of The Rotary Foundation, supporting Rotary’s mission to empower, educate, and increase the capacity of peacebuilders through rigorous academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities. Through this experience, Rotary Peace Fellows build the skills needed to become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their communities and around the globe.

The fellowship is intended for individuals who have chosen a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution; who have work experience in these areas; and who have a commitment to community or international humanitarian service and to working for peace. Applicants should consider these objectives carefully before applying.

Two types of fellowships are offered:

- **Master’s degree program**
  - Purpose: Building the leaders of tomorrow
  - Length of Study: 15-24 months (varies by university)
  - Number of Rotary Peace Centers: 5
  - Number of Fellowships Available: 50 (10 per center)
  - Applied Field Experience: 2-3 months of practical internship during academic break

- **Professional development certificate program.**
  - Purpose: Strengthening the leaders of today
  - Length of Study: 3 months
  - Number of Rotary Peace Centers: 1
  - Number of Fellowships Available: 50 (up to 25 per session: Jan.-Apr. or Jun.-Aug.)
  - Applied Field Experience: 2-3 weeks of field study incorporated into curriculum

These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,000 fellows for career in peacebuilding. Many of them are serving as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations.

Can The Award Be Deferred?  Yes
Can The Award Be Renewed?  No
Scholarship Conditions:

Master’s Degree Program Eligibility Requirements:
- Minimum three years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, bachelor’s degree
- Proficiency in English; proficiency in a second-language is strongly recommended
  - required TOEFL or IELTS scores for non-native English speakers; see page 4
- Strong commitment to international understanding and peace as demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service
- Excellent leadership skills

NOTE: Applicants may not attend a center in their home country or country of permanent residence, with the exception of Japanese citizens or residents of Japan who have completed a course of study outside Japan and are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University.

Professional Development Certificate Program Eligibility Requirements:
- Minimum five years of relevant full-time work or volunteer experience, strong academic background
- Proficiency in English; proficiency in a second-language is strongly recommended
- A strong commitment to international understanding and peace demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal and community service activities
- Excellent leadership skills

Eligibility restrictions:
Rotary Peace Fellowships may not be used for doctoral study. And the following people are not eligible for the master's degree program:
- Active Rotary members
- Employees of a Rotary club or district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity
- Spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of any living person in these categories
- Former Rotary members and their relatives as described above (within 36 months of their resignation)

Recipients of a Rotary global grant scholarships or a Rotary Peace Fellowship in the professional development certificate program must wait three years after completion of the scholarship or fellowship to apply for the master’s degree program.

Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the master’s degree program must wait five years to apply for the certificate program.

Eligibility:

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<td>Open to (Non-US) International Students:</td>
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<td>Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:</td>
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<td>Specified Majors:</td>
<td>Peace and Conflict Studies</td>
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<td>Minimum GPA:</td>
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Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

- Proficiency in English; proficiency in a second language is strongly recommended
- Strong commitment to international understanding and peace as demonstrated through professional academic achievements and personal or community service
- Excellent leadership skills
Selection:

| Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year: | 100 |
| Interview: | In Person and Phone Interview (Travel Costs NOT Covered) |
| Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified: | November 1 |

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates: Yes, January/February
Webinars for Advisors: No

Website:

Official Website: https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application
Club Finder: https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder

Application:

Date Application is Available: January 1
Application Due Date: District May 31, Foundation July 1
Application Must Be Submitted By: Candidate
Institutional Endorsement Required: No
Institutional Cover Letter Required: No

Applicants are required to submit their application and all supplementary materials to a Rotary district. Rotary clubs can help to connect applicants with a Rotary district. It is strongly recommended that applicants connect with a club near their legal or permanent place of residence, full-time study, or employment to assist with the application process. Applications must be submitted to the applicant’s chosen Rotary district by 31 May, and it is recommended that applicants contact a club and/or district when they begin the application process.

Use the Club Finder at rotary.org to find a Rotary club in your area. An applicant having difficulty finding a Rotary club or district should email rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org as early as possible, but no later than 30 April.

Applicants are required to receive Rotary district endorsement in order to complete their application and be considered for the fellowship. Applicants should be prepared for personal interviews, which may be conducted by the Rotary club and/or district. Each Rotary district may endorse as many applicants as it deems qualified to The Rotary Foundation for consideration in a world-competitive selection process.
Application Process

The application includes the following

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1. All applicants are required to submit a current résumé or curriculum vitae with their application. It is mandatory for the document to include the months and years worked for every job, internship, or volunteer experience included.

2. All applicants are required to submit two recommendations. The recommendations should be completed by individuals familiar with the academic, professional, or volunteer/service activities and achievements of the applicant. We encourage applicants to inform recommenders of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program’s purpose. Recommenders must personally complete the recommendation section on the application platform.

3. All master’s degree applicants must submit transcripts from all postsecondary colleges or universities attended. Transcripts should include a list of all courses taken and the grades issued. Applicants should not include copies of certificates or diplomas. All transcripts issued in a language other than English must be translated into English by a certified translator.

4. Exam Scores
   - TOEFL/IELTS
     o All master’s candidates who are non-native English applicants are required to submit either a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exam score; submitting both is not required. Scores are valid for two years after the test date. Invalid scores will not be accepted.
     o Applicants who completed an undergraduate degree from a university where the sole language of instruction is English and in a country where the primary spoken language is English are exempt from taking the TOEFL or IELTS exam.
     o Applicants who have registered for a required exam but have not yet taken the exam by 31 May must upload proof of registration with their application. Applicants must upload their exam results by 1 September to be considered for the fellowship.
   - GRE exam (Duke-UNC applicants only)
     o All applicants preferencing UNC are required to submit a GRE (Graduate Record Examination) score; applicants interested only in the program at Duke are not required to submit one. Applicants to UNC must check each graduate school department’s individual score requirements.
Rotary Peace Centers Preference

Details on the curriculum and programs at each Rotary Peace Center are available at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters.

Applicants are expected to have thoroughly researched these centers to determine the suitability of their programs of study and admission criteria before completing the application. Applicants will be required to indicate their preference for either the master’s degree program or the professional development certificate program. Candidates will not be considered for both. For the master’s degree program, the applicants are required to rank the centers in order of preference.

When ranking the centers, applicants should be mindful of the following restrictions:

- Applicants must be proficient in English. Although not mandatory, ability in a second language other than English is preferred. Note: Coursework at International Christian University (Tokyo) may be taken in English, with Japanese-language training provided where necessary; coursework at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University is conducted entirely in English.
- Applicants may not attend a center in their home country or country of permanent residence, with the exception of Thai citizens or residents of Thailand who are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University and Japanese citizens or residents of Japan who have completed a course of study outside Japan and are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University.
- Applicants cannot request assignment to a university where they will already be enrolled before the fellowship year. Fellows who begin studies at their assigned university before their fellowship term forfeit their awards.
- If applicants are selected for a Rotary Peace Fellowship, it will be their responsibility to apply directly and gain admission to the degree program of the assigned Rotary Peace Center university partner immediately following notification of the award. Failure to gain admission will nullify the fellowship.
- Selection by Rotary does not guarantee admission to the desired university degree program.
  - Admission to one of the university partners before the fellowship competition does not guarantee selection as a Rotary Peace Fellow. Rotary Peace Fellows assigned to the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University are exempt from these requirements.
- Fellows must begin their studies as specified by their assigned Rotary Peace Center.
  - Master’s degree: July, August, or September 2018 (Northern Hemisphere); February or March 2019 (Southern Hemisphere)
  - Professional development certificate: January or June 2018

Master’s Degree Program

- Duke University & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (21-month program)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan (22-month program plus two months optional intensive language study)
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England (15-month program)
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (16-month program)
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden (24-month program)

Not all master’s degree programs at Rotary Peace Center partner universities are eligible for the fellowship. If you have questions about the eligibility of a specific program, please contact the relevant Rotary Peace Center.

Professional Development Certificate Program

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (3-month program)
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