

THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Rotary World Peace Fellowship Program supports the mission of the Rotary Foundation to improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty by offering study in furthering peace, goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding at one of seven Rotary Centers for International Studies. This program is intended for individuals who have chosen a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution, who already have work experience in these areas, and who have real potential to positively impact our world. For example, individuals active in journalism, education, civil service, nongovernmental organizations, diplomacy, mediation work, and the military may be strong candidates for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships. World Peace Fellowships are offered in two forms:

- A three-month professional certificate program in peace and conflict resolution
- A two-year master's degree program.

Three-Month Professional Certificate Program

World Peace Fellows selected for the Professional Certificate program will pursue study in peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Up to 25 mid-career professionals in fields related to conflict resolution and peace-building are selected to participate in an intensive three-month certificate course, beginning in January and June. The coursework is designed to foster participants' skills in conflict prevention and resolution, with a focus on effecting change and maintaining peace.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to international understanding and peace through professional and academic achievements and personal and community service activities
- Be currently employed fulltime in a mid- to upper-level position in conflict negotiation, peace-building, or a related field.
- Have at least five years of work experience
- Possess strong leadership skills
- Be proficient in English, and
- Hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent.

Applicants normally are not eligible for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program immediately after receiving an undergraduate degree.

Up to 50 fellowships may be awarded to applicants each year for study in the three-month certificate program.

Two-Year Master's Degree Program

Two-year fellowships leading to a master's degree are available under Rotary sponsorship. Study in this program will include peace studies and conflict resolution as well as complimentary studies in international relations, international development policy, journalism, natural resources and the environment, public health, economics, education, international law, and/or public administration, depending on the areas of study offered by the participating university. Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellowships may be awarded annually on a competitive basis for study at Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with the following universities:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA (joint program)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of California, Berkeley, USA
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have been awarded a bachelor's degree or equivalent before starting their fellowship.
- Have significant, relevant work experience in the areas of conflict resolution, mediation, diplomacy, international relations, and similar fields.
- Have at least three years of combined paid or unpaid full-time relevant work experience.
- Demonstrate a commitment to a career dedicated to peace and conflict resolution following their fellowship.
- Have proficiency in a second language (including the language of the host university),
- Possess excellent leadership skills.
- Demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through service, academic, or professional achievements.
- Hold citizenship in a country where there is a Rotary club.

The application must be submitted in the Rotary district of the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment. Members of Rotaract clubs and persons with disabilities are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants may not attend a center in their home country or country of application. They cannot request assignment to a university where they have been enrolled prior to the fellowship year.

The following persons are not eligible for Rotary World Peace Fellowships: 1) Rotarians and Honorary Rotarians; 2) employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; 3) spouses, lineal descendants; spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors of any living person in the categories 1 or 2 above; and former Rotarians and their relatives as described above within 36 months of resignation. However, such individuals may apply to the Rotary Center in Thailand on an exceptional basis. Applicants who have completed previous graduate study and wish to pursue a Ph.D. are not suitable candidates for the peace fellowships.

Application Information and Deadline

Prospective applicants may obtain additional information about World Peace Fellowship Program (both the certificate program and the master's degree program) by perusing the application form and *A Program Guide for Rotarians: The Rotary Centers for International Studies* on this website or by visiting the Rotary Foundation website at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Completed applications for a Rotary World Peace Fellowship **beginning in 2011** must be submitted to a local club in the district where the applicant lives, studies, or works **no later than March 15, 2010**. Club-endorsed applications in District 6080 must be sent to the following address **no later than March 31, 2010**:

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