

Give peace fellows a chance to change the world

EVERY YEAR, ROTARY SELECTS some of the world’s brightest and most dedicated professionals to study at one of six Rotary Peace Centers around the world. Many fellows go on to serve in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank.

CLUBS AND DISTRICTS play a key role in the recruitment and nomination of future peace fellows and help keep them engaged after the fellowship ends. That means you have the power to fuel a potent force for good and shape the next generation of leaders working to promote Rotary’s message of goodwill and cultural understanding throughout a career. **But where to start?**

ROTARY PEACE CENTERS AT A GLANCE

Up to 100 students per year receive fully funded fellowships to pursue advanced peace studies at one of six Rotary Peace Centers. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses for either a master’s degree or a professional development certificate. The centers partner with premier universities around the world to provide customized curricula and field-based learning opportunities. All courses are conducted in English.

Type of study	Master’s degree	Professional development certificate
Duration of study	15-22 months, varies by program	3 months
Partner universities/locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke-University of North Carolina, U.S. International Christian University, Japan University of Bradford, England University of Queensland, Australia Uppsala University, Sweden 	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Number of annual fellowships	50 maximum (10 per center)	50 maximum (25 per session)

RECRUIT

Challenge

Identify local professionals who are interested and qualified for advanced peace studies.

Strategy

EDUCATE YOUR CLUB/DISTRICT: To give members an idea of what to look for in a candidate, give a presentation or invite an alum to a meeting.

HONE YOUR PITCH: For applicants not already familiar with Rotary, be prepared to explain who we are, what we do, and what this program can offer them.

REACH OUT: Think about organizations your club/district already works with and approach like-minded groups or universities with similar programs to tap their networks.

SPREAD THE WORD: Send a press release about the program to your local media, order free brochures from shop.rotary.org, and share fellowship opportunities and stories about inspiring alumni on social media.

COACH

Challenge

Evaluate whether a prospective applicant is a good fit and help each candidate make the best case.

Strategy

MEET WITH potential applicants to learn about background, determine eligibility, and discuss programs of interest. Advise master’s students to research the requirements and offerings at each campus.

REVIEW applicants’ essays and résumés, which should demonstrate a personal and sustained commitment to peace and development.

NETWORK: Invite prospective applicants to club/district meetings and introduce them to key club and district contacts.

ENCOURAGE: Not all peace fellows are accepted (or even eligible) on a first try. Suggest ways to gain experience or refine presentations for future applications.

NOMINATE

Challenge

Help applicants navigate the process and understand how selections are made.

Strategy

DIRECT candidates to the online application and assign a point person to guide them through the process.

SET UP A COMMITTEE to review all applicants and ensure that all required documents are complete and ready to submit to the district selection committee, which makes endorsements.

COMMUNICATE THE TIMELINE:

- **1 December:** Online application opens.
- **31 May:** Candidates submit applications to their Rotary district.
- **1 July:** Districts submit endorsed applications to TRF and notify applicants of their endorsement decision.
- **November:** Districts and candidates are notified of selection decisions.

ENGAGE

Challenge

Integrate peace center alumni with the Rotary community and maintain long-term ties.

Strategy

EVENTS: Rotary Peace Fellows make fascinating event speakers. Invite a fellow to your next club or district meeting to enhance members’ understanding of the areas of focus.

PROJECTS: Working on a peace project of your own, or looking for one? Peace fellows can offer expertise, or they might already be working on projects that could qualify for Rotary grant funding. Connect with the Rotarian Action Group for Peace to find resources in your area.

MEMBERSHIP: Fellows already share members’ commitment to service, and they know from experience how Rotary improves lives. Make the case that joining a club can help them maximize their network and impact.

KEEP in MIND

- Endorsing a candidate does not require allocation of District Designated Funds.
- Districts can endorse more than one candidate. In fact, they can endorse as many qualified applicants as they like, at no cost.
- Candidates can be endorsed by districts other than their home district if they live in a non-Rotary country or if they have had difficulty connecting with their home district.
- Applicants can apply directly to the district and bypass the club endorsement process if they choose.
- Candidates can apply for either the master’s degree or the certificate program, but not both at the same time.
- There is no upper age limit, so candidates have plenty of time to gain relevant experience.
- Peace fellowships aren’t the only scholarships supported by The Rotary Foundation. Clubs can apply for global grant funding to support students working in any of the areas of focus.



To connect with Rotary Peace Fellows

in your area, or ask questions about the program, write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

Visit www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships to learn more and download the Rotary Peace Centers program guide.