

ABOUT ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary has **seven Rotary Peace Centers** at **eight universities**.

Master's Degrees	Professional Development Certificate
<p>Five centers offer master's degrees in disciplines related to peace and development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A joint program at Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA.• International Christian University, Japan.• University of Bradford, England.• University of Queensland, Australia.• Uppsala University, Sweden.	<p>Two centers, at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand and Makerere University in Uganda, offer a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. The yearlong program blends online learning, classroom studies, and a social change initiative.</p>

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application process is a collaboration between candidates and their local Rotary district.

1. Candidates can access the online application beginning in February.	4. Candidates submit the online application to their district by 31 May. Districts send endorsed applications to Rotary by 1 July.
2. They must contact a Rotary district to request an interview and endorsement, which are required for consideration.	5. Between July and October, the Rotary Peace Centers Committee, composed of Rotarians and university representatives, screens applications and selects the finalists.
3. Candidates are encouraged to engage with a Rotary club to learn about Rotary's work in their community and globally.	6. All applicants are notified of the results in November. Master's finalists then apply to the university for acceptance.

THE IDEAL MASTER'S CANDIDATE:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The ideal master's candidate is academically strong, has a bachelor's degree in a related field, and has work experience in peace and development. ✓ Candidates need to demonstrate a commitment to peace and conflict resolution, be able to undertake extensive reading and discussion in the pursuit of knowledge, and be able to actively participate within a diverse cohort of students. ✓ After the program, candidates should be willing to share their own work and experience, staying in touch with peace fellows in their region and maintaining strong connections with Rotary members. 	<p>➤ <u>Master's degree candidates must also:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be proficient in English, • Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace as shown through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service, • Demonstrate leadership skills, • Have at least three years of full-time experience in peace or development work
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THE IDEAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE CANDIDATE:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The ideal candidate is a proven peace and development leader with at least five years of relevant work experience. ✓ Candidates need to come to the program with an idea for a social change initiative to promote peace and development in the program region or their community. They also need a clear vision of how the fellowship experience and network will advance their peace work and increase their impact. ✓ After the program, candidates should be willing to share their own work and experience, staying in touch with peace fellows in their region and maintaining strong connections with Rotary members. 	<p>➤ <u>Certificate candidates must also:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be proficient in English, • Have a bachelor's degree, • Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace as shown through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service, • Demonstrate leadership skills, • Be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission, <p>Candidates for <i>Makerere University</i> should also either be from the region or working in the area.</p>
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ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:

Rotary Peace Fellowships may not be used for doctoral study. 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 Rotary Global Grants Scholarships must wait three years after completing the scholarship to apply for Rotary Peace Fellowship programs.
- Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the **certificate program** must wait three years to apply for the **master's degree** program. Certificate fellows are not eligible for another certificate fellowship.
- Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the **master's degree** program must wait five years to apply for the certificate program.

Note however:

- **Rotaractors** can apply for and receive full funding for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. As with any other candidate they must meet all other qualification requirements in order to apply.
- **Honorary Rotarians** are not considered Rotarians and therefore they are eligible to benefit from Foundation programmes including the Rotary Peace Fellowship.
- **Children of Rotarians** are **NOT** eligible to apply for the Master's Degree Fellowship. They **are eligible** for the Certificate Programme if they meet all other qualification requirements. However, if selected, they would be responsible for **ALL** costs associated with programme participation.
- **Candidates who already have a Master's Degree** can apply to either the Master's Degree programme or the Professional Development Certificate programme; however, candidates with Master's Degrees applying to the Master's Degree programme will need to justify in their application why they need another Master's Degree to increase their capacity as peacebuilders.
- Candidates can apply to either the master's degree program or the certificate program, but not to both at the same time.
- **Age** - there is no age limit.

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FOR THE DISTRICT:

- Endorsing a candidate does not require a district to spend District Designated Funds.
- Districts can endorse an unlimited number of qualified candidates without any cost.
- Candidates can be endorsed by districts other than their home district if they live in a non-Rotary country or if they have difficulty connecting with their home district (At Large candidates).

As to District 7030:

While Districts are not required to contribute funds to the Rotary Peace Centres in order to endorse candidates, District 7030 is a recognised Peacebuilder District, having allocated \$25,000 USD of its DDF to the Rotary Peace Centres for the current Rotary Year.

7030 is also an At-Large District.

Peace Fellowship announcement:

Please find attached Peace Fellowship announcement which contains the link to apply for the Peace Fellowships as well as other useful information.

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