

**2006 - 2008**  
**ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

DISTRICT 5160 CAN MAKE A NOMINATION

Rotary World Peace Fellows are chosen based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their future careers. Interested applicants should work with a local Rotary club to submit the Rotary World Peace Fellowship Application to the district. If there are any potential candidates from our district for the peace fellowship program, they must be interviewed by a district committee and then our final nomination to Rotary International would need be submitted by July 1. Thus, we would need candidates soon, or NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2005 so we could interview and submit our final selection from the district. Here are the time frames and more details. If a club is going to nominate a candidate, please let me know so we can plan for district interviews in June. Thanks!

**In a nutshell...**

**WHAT IS THE PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?** The Peace Fellows are selected from nominees from each Rotary District. They are a special group of people with the potential to work toward international understanding and peace. The 2 year program takes place for up to 10 scholars/year at 7 sites in the world (Argentina, England, France, Japan, Australia, and two are in the U.S. at UC Berkeley and Duke)

**PEACE FELLOW NOMINATIONS!** Districts can nominate a Peace Fellow candidate for one of the 70 slots worldwide in 2006. If District 5160 has a possible candidate, we would set up an interview committee and select one to nominate for the program. The Rotary website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), search for "peace scholar") has full application details. It would be quite an honor to have candidates, put together a district committee to review and make a recommendation for one candidate, who could be selected for one of 70 slots in the world!

**Details...**

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution offer individuals committed to peace and cooperation the opportunity to pursue a master's-level degree in international studies, peace studies, and conflict resolution at one of the seven Rotary Center university partners in the world (England, Argentina, Japan, US at 2 locations, Australia, France). Through the partnership between The Rotary Foundation and these universities, Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered on a competitive basis annually for study at the Rotary Centers. Rotary World Peace Fellows will be looked to as leaders who will promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. In addition to providing advanced educational opportunities for potential future world and community leaders, the Rotary Centers also advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge on issues of peace, conflict and its resolution, and world understanding. The Rotary Centers have been designed as a program through which The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs of Rotary International may become increasingly effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace.

**ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP FUNDING:** The Rotary World Peace Fellowship is a comprehensive fellowship designed to support a Rotary World Peace Fellow in a master's degree program at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies. The fellowship funding is for one or two academic years plus the summer break after or between study years, and will be limited to the following categories: tuition and fees, a standardized room and board stipend, transportation, contingency expenses, and applied field experience funding.

Rotary World Peace Fellows must locate funds to cover all expenses that are not specifically funded by their fellowships. Fellowship funds are intended for use by the fellowship recipient only. Fellows may be accompanied by their spouses/dependents during their study years. However, The Rotary Foundation will not provide funding for spouses, dependents, or anyone other than the fellow.

**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships must have:

- v BA or equivalent at the time of application at the Rotary club level
- v The training, academic background, and work experience in a relevant field required for a master's-level program at the Rotary Center university partners
- v A minimum of three years combined paid or unpaid full-time work experience in a relevant field at the time of application at the Rotary club level
- v Proficiency in more than one language (even if they propose to study in a country where their native language is spoken)
- v Excellent leadership skills
- v A demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities

The following persons are ineligible for Rotary World Peace Fellowships: (a) a Rotarian, an Honorary Rotarian; (b) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; (c) a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the categories (a) or (b); and former Rotarians and their relatives as described above within 36 months of resignation.

Initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES:** All Rotary districts around the world are invited to nominate one candidate for the world-competitive selection each year. Applications generally need to be completed approximately 18 months in advance of the planned study period. Applications are available from the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Interested applicants must contact a local Rotary club to submit the Rotary World Peace Fellowship Application. Clubs then forward endorsed applications to compete at the district level.

**SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT:** Up to 70 Rotary World Peace Fellows will be selected each year to begin one- or two-year master's-level degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations at the seven Rotary Centers. Ten fellows on average are assigned to each Rotary Center university partner. Fellows will be assigned to study at a Rotary Center university partner located in a country other than that of their citizenship or permanent residence, with the exception of Japanese citizens interested in enrolling at the Rotary Center university partner in Japan. Applicants selected to study at the Rotary Centers for International Studies are known as Rotary World Peace Fellows.

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**ADMISSION AND START OF STUDIES:** Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered for one or two academic years. During the summer break after or between study years, the fellows are required to pursue degree-related activities, such as field experiences, volunteer work, and research. Rotary World Peace Fellows are responsible for gaining admission to their assigned Rotary Center university partner. Final admission decisions will rest with the university. Fellows must begin their studies at the start of the academic year of their assigned Rotary Center. Northern Hemisphere Rotary Centers will begin their programs in August, September, or October. Southern Hemisphere Rotary Centers will begin their academic year in February or March. No studies will begin before 1 July of the first year of the fellowship.