



District 5440 Scholarship Information

**All Rotary Scholarship Applications are due to District 5440 office by March 28, 2008
Interviews will occur on April 12, 2008 and if necessary on April 13, 2008**

Ambassadorial Scholarship:

Academic year only.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries.

While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with local Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Criteria:

- Applicants must have completed at least two years of college-level coursework or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarship studies.
- Initial application must be made through a Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment.
- Must be proficient in the language of the proposed host country

Application process:

Application generally available on RI website in November/December.

Will be for 2009-10 academic year

Submit to local club who interviews and forwards selection to District Office

Applicants interviewed at the District level and recipient selected by District Committee

Local club should practice interviewing with their applicant to ensure better opportunity for success.

Rotary World Peace Fellowship:

Rotary World Peace Fellows are graduates of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program. They will be a part of tomorrow's solution in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among people worldwide. Located in seven leading universities around the world, Rotary Centers provide Fellows the chance to study in a master's level program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines.

Criteria:

- hold an earned undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university or its international equivalent (based on a four-year curriculum);

- have proficiency in a second language
- 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 University Partners:

Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England

University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina

University of California, Berkeley, California, USA

Application process:

Application generally available on RI website in November/December.

Will be for 2009-10 academic year

Submit to local club who interviews and forwards selection to District Office

Applicants interviewed at the District level and application selected by District Committee to be forwarded to RI where the applicant competes with all other applicants from around the world.

Local club should practice interviewing with their applicant to ensure better opportunity for success.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers:

The primary purpose of the Rotary Grants for University Teachers program is to further international understanding and development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries. Grant recipients teach at universities and colleges in developing countries and share their knowledge and expertise. The fields taught should have practical use in the host country. Rotary University Teachers serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They are asked to speak at Rotary functions as well as at many non-Rotary functions, civic organizations, and other forums. As educators, they serve as goodwill ambassadors to their students and colleagues each day. Rotary University Teachers also represent their home countries and their colleges or universities to the people of their host countries.

Criteria:

- Applicants must hold (or if retired, have held) a full-time college or university appointment for three or more years but need not hold (or have held) a specific rank.
- The subject(s) taught must have practical use to the host country.
- The applicant's home and host countries must contain at least one Rotary club.
- The proposed host institution must be located in a low-income/developing country. Low-income countries are currently defined as those with a per capita GNP of US\$6,375 or less.
- Applicants must be proficient in the language of their prospective host country.

- Applicants may be Rotarians or non-Rotarians.
- Awards are not restricted by gender, age, or marital status.

Application process:

Application generally available on RI website in November/December.

Will be for 2009-10

Submit to local club who interviews and forwards selection to District Office

Applicants interviewed at the District level and recipient selected by District Committee

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide professionals from around the world the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies and to become better equipped to help prevent and resolve conflict, as well as foster policies and create settings that ensure peace, worldwide. Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private corporations. Beginning July 2006, the intensive three-month course housed at the newly established Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand will accept up to 30 program participants per session for two sessions per year. Each session will include both academic learning and practical fieldwork components. The program aims to:

- Inspire people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skill to do so, in part by generating interaction between practitioners and academics
- Provide advanced international educational opportunities for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants chosen from different countries and cultures on the basis of their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions
- Provide a means for The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace.

Payment:

- Participant's employer pays entire program fee on behalf of participant
- Participant is awarded a partial fellowship — fee is paid in part by both The Rotary Foundation and the employer
- Participant is awarded a full fellowship — fee is paid entirely by The Rotary Foundation

Application process:

Applications are on a rolling basis - information on the RI website indicates application deadlines have passed so don't know when the next ones will be. Information indicates RI needs applications 6 months before start of session so assume it will be in July as we do interviews in the spring.

Application generally available on RI website in November/December.

Will be for January – April 2009

Submit to local club who interviews and forwards selection to District Office. Local club and District can submit more than one application

Applicants interviewed at the District level and application(s) selected by District Committee to forward to RI.

General Information:

Generally the following are not eligible but rules do vary among programs so check RI website

- a. Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians
- b. employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International
- c. spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the categories a or b above; former Rotarians and their relatives as described above within 36 months of resignation

Applications are available for downloading and are usually on the website in the November/December timeline.

Practice potential interview questions with applicant at the club level – this generally helps the applicant interview better at the District level.