

Peace Fellowship Eligibility Requirements and Restrictions

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Master's Degree Program

- Minimum **three** years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, bachelor's degree
- Proficiency in English; proficiency in a second-language is strongly recommended
- required TOEFL or IELTS scores for non-native English speakers; see page 4
- Strong commitment to international understanding and peace as demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service
- Excellent leadership skills

NOTE: Applicants may not attend a center in their home country or country of permanent residence, with the exception of Japanese citizens or residents of Japan who have completed a course of study outside Japan and are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Rotary Peace Fellowship may not be used for doctoral study. And the following people are not eligible for the master's degree program:

- [Active Rotarians](#)
- 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 the categories above
- Former Rotarians and their relatives as described above (within 36 months of resignation)

Recipients of a Rotary global grant scholarships or a Rotary Peace Fellowship in the professional development certificate program must wait three years after completion of the scholarship or fellowship to apply for the master's degree program.

Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the master's degree program must wait five years to apply for the certificate program.

Rotary Peace Centers Preference

Details on the curriculum and programs at each Rotary Peace Center are available at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. Applicants are expected to have thoroughly researched these

centers to determine the suitability of their programs of study and admission criteria before completing the application. Applicants will be required to indicate their preference for either the master's degree program or the professional development certificate program. **Candidates will not be considered for both.**

For the master's degree program, the applicants are required to rank the centers in order of preference.

When ranking the centers, applicants should be mindful of the following restrictions:

- Applicants must be proficient in English. Although not mandatory, ability in a second language other than English is preferred. **Note:** Coursework at International Christian University (Tokyo) may be taken in English, with Japanese-language training provided where necessary; coursework at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University is conducted entirely in English.
- Applicants may not attend a center in their home country or country of permanent residence, with the exception of Thai citizens or residents of Thailand who are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University and Japanese citizens or residents of Japan who have completed a course of study outside Japan and are interested in attending the Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University.
- Applicants cannot request assignment to a university where they will already be enrolled before the fellowship year. Fellows who begin studies at their assigned university before their fellowship term forfeit their awards.
- If applicants are selected for a Rotary Peace Fellowship, it will be their responsibility to apply directly and gain admission to the degree program of the assigned Rotary Peace Center university partner immediately following notification of the award. Failure to gain admission will nullify the fellowship

Master's Degree Program

- Duke University & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (21-month program)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan (22-month program plus two months optional intensive language study)
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England (15-month program)
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (16-month program)
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden (24-month program)

Not all master's degree programs at Rotary Peace Center partner universities are eligible for the fellowship. If you have questions about the eligibility of a specific program, please contact the relevant Rotary Peace Center

Rotary Peace Centers Application Requirements

LANGUAGE OF APPLICATION

Applicants must submit their Rotary Peace Fellowship application and supplementary materials in English for the world-competitive selection process, even if the Rotary district requires submission in their local language.

Applicants are required to research individual university websites for specific admission requirements and current information about the curriculum.

RÉSUMÉ OR CURRICULUM VITAE

All applicants are required to submit a current résumé or curriculum vitae with their application. It is mandatory for the document to include the months and years worked for every job, internship, or volunteer experience included.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All applicants are required to submit two recommendations. The recommendations should be completed by individuals familiar with the academic, professional, or volunteer/service activities and achievements of the applicant. We encourage applicants to inform recommenders of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program's purpose. Recommenders must personally complete the recommendation section on the application platform.

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS (MASTER'S DEGREE APPLICANTS ONLY)

All master's degree applicants must submit transcripts from all postsecondary colleges or universities attended. Transcripts should include a list of all courses taken and the grades issued. Applicants should **not** include copies of certificates or diplomas. **All transcripts issued in a language other than English must be translated into English by a certified translator.**