

Rotary District 7680 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Announcement

Dear Prospective Applicants,

Greetings from Rotary District 7680 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee! As the Chair of our esteemed committee, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to the 2025 Rotary Peace Fellowship application process.

Allow me to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the application requirements and procedures to guide you through this significant opportunity:

Application Deadline: The deadline for submitting your application for the 2025 Rotary Peace Fellowship is May 15, 2024. Please note that once submitted, applications are considered final, and no further modifications can be made.

Eligibility and Qualification: The initial section of the application will entail an eligibility and qualification questionnaire. It is imperative to thoroughly review the requirements outlined on our website at rotary.org/peace-fellowships to ensure alignment. Candidates not meeting these criteria will not proceed further in the application process.

Candidate Certification: All applicants are required to acknowledge and agree to the terms of the Candidate Certification to progress with their application.

Personal Information and Program Selection: This segment necessitates the provision of demographic and contact details. Your information will be shared with The Rotary Foundation staff, application reviewers, and university representatives to facilitate the review process.

Engagement with Rotary: We strongly encourage applicants to establish connections with Rotary or Rotaract members during the application phase. Recommendations from Rotary club or district leaders can significantly enhance your application.

Relevant Experience: It is essential that candidates demonstrate relevant professional experience in peacebuilding and/or development, showcasing potential for impactful contributions.

Education: Please ensure to provide comprehensive details of all higher education institutions attended.

Additional Requirements for Master's Candidates: Master's degree applicants are required to upload transcripts from all listed institutions.

Personal Statement Video: Applicants must record a personal statement video elucidating their commitment to peace and development, as well as their motivation for pursuing the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Essays: Master's degree candidates are expected to respond to four essay questions, while certificate program candidates respond to one.

Social Change Initiative Proposal: Certificate program candidates are required to submit a proposal outlining a social change initiative to be implemented between program sessions.

Cross-Cultural Experience: Descriptions of previous cross-cultural or international experiences are encouraged.

Language Proficiency: Proficiency in languages other than your native tongue should be indicated.

Proof of English Proficiency: Non-native English speakers applying for the master's program need to provide evidence of English proficiency.

Recommendations: Master's degree candidates require one academic and one professional recommendation. Certificate program candidates need two professional recommendations.

Optional Rotary Recommendation: Applicants are encouraged to seek recommendations from Rotary or Rotaract clubs or districts.

Submission: Applications must be submitted by midnight on May 15, 2024, in the candidate's local time zone. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

After submission, applications will undergo a review process to ensure completeness and compliance with eligibility requirements. Successful candidates will proceed to further evaluation, with notifications scheduled to be sent out in November.

Should you have any queries or require assistance throughout the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at hlyon63@gmail.com.

Wishing you the very best in your application endeavors.

All the best,
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Chair, Rotary District 7680 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee



ROTARY PEACE CENTERS Endowment Naming Opportunities

The Rotary Foundation offers special opportunities to create a customized fund within Rotary's endowment that will provide ongoing support for the Rotary Peace Centers in perpetuity. Donors can create a lasting legacy in their name or in honor of a loved one. By making an outright gift or a commitment in their estate plans, donors can support their favorite Rotary program forever.

Donors who create an endowment during their lifetime receive an annual financial summary on the performance of their fund. In addition, select designations receive information about their fund's activity, the aspect of the program they support, and the overall Rotary Peace Centers program.

\$1,500,000 ROTARY PEACE MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP
Endows a master's degree Rotary Peace Fellow **every year** at a Rotary Peace Center.

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Endows a master's degree Rotary Peace Fellow **every two years** at a Rotary Peace Center.

\$1,000,000 ROTARY PEACE CERTIFICATE FELLOWSHIPS
Endows **four** professional development certificate program Rotary Peace Fellowships each year.

\$750,000 ROTARY PEACE MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP
Endows a master's degree Rotary Peace Fellow **every three years** at a Rotary Peace Center.

\$500,000 ROTARY PEACE MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP
Endows a master's degree Rotary Peace Fellow **every four years** at a Rotary Peace Center.

\$500,000 ROTARY PEACE CERTIFICATE FELLOWSHIPS
Endows **two** professional development certificate program Rotary Peace Fellowships each year.

\$500,000 ENTREPRENEURIAL ROTARY FUND FOR PEACE
Endows support for new approved opportunities within Rotary's peace programs. Examples may include workshops, retreats, and other strategic initiatives.

\$250,000 ROTARY PEACE CERTIFICATE FELLOWSHIP
Endows **one** professional development certificate program Rotary Peace Fellowship each year.

\$100,000 ROTARY PEACE CENTER ANNUAL SEMINAR
Endows support for the annual seminar at a Rotary Peace Center.

\$25,000+ ROTARY PEACE CENTER GENERAL SUPPORT
Endows general support for the Rotary Peace Centers program.

\$25,000 ROTARY PEACE FELLOW LEADERSHIP RETREAT
Endows support for the biennial retreat bringing together peace fellows on a mutually beneficial topic.

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



'It has been a treasure'



As a supporter and active participant with the Rotary Peace Fellowships program, Carol Fellows has met many promising peacemakers. “There is no greater need for our world than for people who work for true peace with justice,” Fellows says. She and her husband, Tim Bewley, are Arch Klumph Society members, designating their giving to support fellowships to the Rotary Peace Centers. “It has been a treasure and delight to identify and lift up for consideration potential fellows. The lives of our club and committee members are changed from the experience of meeting these incredible individuals and following their careers,” she says.

Rotary District 7680 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Social Change Initiative Guide

Dear Prospective Peace Fellowship Applicants,

Greetings from the Rotary District 7680 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee! As Chair of our esteemed committee, I am thrilled to provide you with insights into crafting your social change initiative proposal for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Rotary's Vision of Peace: Rotary views peace not merely as an abstract concept but as a vibrant, evolving expression of human development. Our initiatives, grants, and fellowships are geared towards fostering environments conducive to building and sustaining peace. We are eager to invest in the skills, attitudes, and innovative ideas of professionals across all sectors who are committed to leading change for sustainable, positive peace.

Role of Rotary Peace Fellows: Rotary Peace Fellows emerge as effective peacebuilders through the design and implementation of innovative, locally-led initiatives that address the root causes of conflict. The social change initiative serves as a platform to translate training into action, catalyzing new pathways to peace.

Potential Areas of Focus: Your social change initiative may encompass various areas, including but not limited to:

- Human rights protection and advocacy
- Peace promotion through media and technology
- Poverty alleviation and economic development
- Inter-religious dialogue and cooperation

- Gender equity and women's empowerment
- Public health access and awareness
- Refugee assistance and social cohesion
- Youth programs and conflict prevention
- Climate change adaptation and environmental protection

Timeline and Commitment: Professional development certificate program candidates will submit a social change initiative proposal as part of their application. During the on-site program session, fellows will explore novel peacebuilding approaches, develop action plans, and gear up to implement their initiatives over the subsequent nine months. Fellows will dedicate 5-10 hours per week to their initiatives, supported by mentors and interactive online learning sessions. The program culminates with a capstone session where fellows present their initiatives.

What Constitutes a Strong Proposal? Proposals will be evaluated based on feasibility, impact, and their potential to advance peace. Here are some tips for crafting a robust proposal:

- Be specific and clearly define the initiative's purpose and beneficiaries.
- Describe your vision of success and how it contributes to sustained peace.
- Leverage existing projects or networks to maximize impact.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation in expanding the initiative's reach.

Relevant Experience: Rotary welcomes candidates from diverse backgrounds. Eligible candidates for the master's degree program should have at least three years of relevant experience, while certificate program candidates should have at least five years. Relevant experience encompasses various domains, including government, NGOs, economic development, research, advocacy, religious leadership, media, law enforcement, and public health.

We encourage candidates to showcase their innovative and context-specific experiences that align with Rotary's peacebuilding goals.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to reach out to us at hlyon63@gmail.com.

Wishing you success in your peacebuilding endeavors,

All the best,

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