

Welcome Email

Welcome 2025-26 District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chairs

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Dear District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair,

Welcome to your role supporting the Rotary Peace Fellowship program for Rotary year 2025-26!

If you're continuing in the role from past years, we thank you for contributing to the program's growth and impact. If you're a new District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair, you can look forward to playing an important role in one of Rotary's strongest peacebuilding programs — as we work together to educate and empower dedicated leaders to become effective catalysts for change.

We are excited to have your expertise and assistance promoting the peace fellowship across your district's clubs and within your communities. To support your efforts, you can access a [resource hub for peace fellowship chairs](#) with promotional tools and information about the application process and the Rotary Peace Centers.



Your peace fellowship chair role

The [Rotary Peace Fellowship application](#) will open again 1 February through 15 May 2026; however, promotions and recruitment can start now! This is a great time to begin educating members about the peace fellowship and encouraging them to use our [referral form](#) to refer potential candidates to receive more information. You can also form a district subcommittee to help with outreach and recruitment.

As a District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair, we hope that you will:

- Recruit and mentor qualified candidates from your district so we have good global representation among our candidates (Tip: You can submit an application recommendation on behalf of a strong candidate); and
- Educate Rotary and Rotaract clubs about the Rotary Peace Fellowship so they can promote it through their networks. (Tip: Rotaractors who are not dual members of a Rotary club are eligible to apply for the peace fellowship as long as they meet the other fellowship qualifications.)

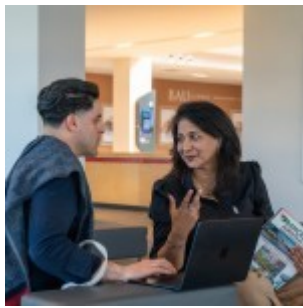


Ways to learn more

These additional resources will help you learn about the Rotary Peace Fellowship:

- Two courses in the Rotary Learning Center provide overviews of the program and your role.
 - [Get Ready District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chairs training](#) (available in English); subcommittee members should also complete this course
 - [All About Rotary Peace Fellowships course](#) (available in multiple languages)

- The [Rotary Peace Fellowship webpage](#) is the key way club members, candidates, and supporters can learn about our fellowship programs, including master's degrees and professional development certificates. There are several resources available on the website, such as downloadable fact sheets for each university program, informative and inspiring videos, a PowerPoint presentation, promotional postcards, and stories of impact. We hope to add even more resources in the coming year.



Exciting growth ahead

The Rotary Foundation currently awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 80 fellowships for professional development certificates at leading universities — including at our newest [Rotary Peace Center in Istanbul](#) which welcomed its first peace fellows this year.

We will also begin recruiting peace and development professionals from across Asia for our next Rotary Peace Center at [Symbiosis International University](#) in Pune, India. Candidates for the new professional development certificate program at Symbiosis can apply when our application opens on 1 February 2026!

Thank you for participating with Rotary Peace Centers

As the program continues to expand, we'll have even more opportunities for experienced peacebuilders to increase their impact and advance peace locally and globally on behalf of Rotary.

As you prepare for your district role, we'd like to share an inspiring message from Rotary Peace Fellow alum David LaMotte, who spoke at this year's Rotary International Convention about the fellowship and the power of building peace through Rotary. A [video of David's speech](#) is available on the Rotary Brand Center, in multiple languages.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Peace Centers team

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