



Identifying Qualified Rotary Peace Fellowship Professional Development Certificate Candidates

Below is a checklist to help identify candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowship Professional Development Certificate program. When connecting with potential candidates in your district, you can verify their eligibility and qualifications.

Eligibility criteria

- The candidate has five+ years of [relevant work experience](#) required for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.
- The candidate has a bachelor's degree.
- The candidate has at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate and graduate) and their intended start date for the fellowship.
- The candidate is **not** currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program and will not be enrolled in the upcoming academic year.
- If the candidate has previously completed a Rotary Peace Fellowship professional development certificate program or master's program, or a Global Grant Scholarship, they have waited three years between the end date of that program and their intended start date for the fellowship.
- The candidate demonstrates English language proficiency. (The peace fellowship program is conducted in English at each of our partner universities.)
- If the candidate is applying to **Makerere University**, the candidate is either from Africa, has worked in Africa, worked with African communities or initiatives outside the continent, or demonstrates compelling interest in learning about peacebuilding approaches used in the region.
- If the candidate is applying to **Bahçeşehir University**, the candidate is either from the Middle East or North Africa, has worked in the region, worked with communities or initiatives related to the region, or demonstrates compelling interest in learning about peacebuilding approaches used in the region.

- The candidate is **not** an active Rotarian or a Rotaract member who is also a dual member of a Rotary Club. (Rotaract club members who are not also Rotary club members are eligible to apply.)
- The candidate is **not** a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of any active Rotary member or former member within three years of membership. (Learn more about [eligibility restrictions](#).)
- The candidate has not worked as an employee of a Rotary club or district, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity.

Candidate Strengths

- The candidate has a resume/cv that clearly indicates qualifications and work experience.
- The candidate researched the Rotary Peace Fellowship on [our website](#).
- The candidate has identified the [Rotary Peace Center professional development certificate program](#) of their preference and has researched the university's requirements.
- The candidate demonstrates dedication and leadership in areas related to peace and development, which is reflected in their work experience and volunteerism.
- The candidate can clearly express their motivation for receiving the fellowship and how it will support their goals to advance peace and development locally or regionally.
- The candidate has a clearly defined and specific [social initiative change](#) proposal based on its feasibility, impact, and potential to promote peace.
- The candidate has cross-cultural experience and demonstrates ability to interact with a diverse cohort of fellows.
- The candidate has identified two professional recommenders.
- The candidate could receive an application recommendation from your club or district.