



Identifying Qualified Rotary Peace Fellowship Master's Degree Candidates

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

Eligibility criteria

- The candidate has three+ years of [relevant work experience](#) required for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.
- The candidate has a bachelor's degree and can provide the required transcripts in English by the application deadline.
- 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 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.
- The candidate is proficient in reading, writing, listening, and speaking the English language. (The peace fellowship program is conducted in English at each of our partner universities.)

- The candidate has up-to-date English language proficiency test scores required by their Rotary Peace Center preference if the candidate is not a native English speaker. The test should be within two years of the application deadline.

Candidate Strengths

- The candidate has a resume/cv that clearly indicates qualifications and work experience.
- The candidate demonstrates dedication and leadership in areas related to peace and development, which is reflected in their work experience and volunteerism.
- The candidate researched Rotary's mission and the Rotary Peace Fellowship on [our website](#).
- The candidate has identified the [Rotary Peace Center master's program](#) of their preference and has researched the university's requirements. (Candidates for the master's degree program may not apply to a center in their home country.)
- The candidate can clearly express their motivation for receiving the fellowship and how it will support their goals to advance peace and development locally, nationally, or internationally.
- The candidate has cross-cultural experience, either internationally or locally, and demonstrates ability to live and study abroad, adapt to a new cultural environment, and interact with a diverse cohort of fellows.
- The candidate has identified one professional and one academic recommender.
- The candidate could receive an application recommendation from your club or district.