

Now Accepting Applications for the 2024 Rotary Peace Fellowship - [Apply Now!](#)

Promoting peace is one of Rotary's main causes. The fully funded [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#), which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers located at leading universities around the world.

Over 1,600 program alumni are working in more than 140 countries as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, education and research, law enforcement, business and consulting, human rights law, media and the arts, and international organizations such as the United Nations.

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- 15-24 month program, small-group classroom learning, in fields related to peace and development
- Intended for leaders near the start of their careers
- 50 fellows selected annually to study at one of five Rotary Peace Centers at partner universities, which offer interdisciplinary curricula with research-informed teaching
- 2-3 month field study experience to develop practical skills
- Fellows connect with an international cohort of fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

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- Yearlong program for working professionals that blends online learning, in-person classes, and an independent project. Candidates who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent can apply for the certificate program at Makerere University in Uganda. (The certificate fellowship program at Chulalongkorn in Thailand is not accepting applications in 2023.)
- Intended for social change leaders with extensive experience working in peace-related fields
- 40 fellows will be selected to earn a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at Makerere University
- Interdisciplinary program includes a two-week online preliminary course, 10 weeks of on-site courses with field studies, a nine-month period during which fellows implement a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar

Eligibility: Qualified candidates must:

- Have three years of related work experience for the master's program
- Have five years of related work experience for the certificate program at Makerere University and be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission (Candidates for Makerere University must either be from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent.)
- Be proficient in English (Master's candidates whose first language is not English must provide English language standardized test scores.)
- Have a bachelor's degree (Master's candidates must provide a copy of their transcripts.)
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace

Candidates must have at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.



Applications for the 2024-25 academic term need to be submitted by 15 May 2023. Please write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org with questions.

If you know someone who might be a good candidate for this fellowship, please submit a [referral form](#) with their name and email address. We'll contact them with information on how to apply. Thank you for supporting our program.

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