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The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution

The Rotary Peace Centers program offers future world and community leaders the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree or professional development certificate in international studies, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field. The Rotary Peace Centers program advances research, teaching, field work, dialogue, and knowledge on issues of peace, conflict prevention and resolution, and world understanding.

Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni around the World

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“Each year, more and more peace fellows are added to our numbers, trained and primed to serve at the front lines in the search for world peace.”

Josephus Tenga, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004-06
When armed conflict, political instability, and economic turmoil tear apart nations and communities, the challenges of meeting basic human needs multiply at an alarming rate.

To a significant degree, the failure to provide for these needs — food, water, shelter, health care, literacy, jobs, and human rights — is the root cause of conflict. Left unresolved, conflicts intensify and expand, in turn generating greater needs.

Trained peacemakers are critical to breaking this cycle of devastation and despair. Through the Rotary Peace Centers program, The Rotary Foundation is equipping individuals with the professional training and experience necessary to prevent and resolve conflict.

Established at eight prestigious universities around the world, the Rotary Peace Centers welcome up to 110 Rotary Peace Fellows each year: 60 master’s degree fellows and 50 professional development certificate fellows. They come from myriad countries and cultures to study subjects such as international relations, public health, international law, public policy, journalism, political science, and peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Unlike other programs on peace, the fellowship is all-inclusive, covering tuition, living and travel expenses, and internship and conference funding.

Bautista Logioco, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002-04

Elisabeth Abeson, International Christian University, 2003-05
Rotary Peace Fellows are an influential part of a network of humanitarian leaders, diplomats, and government officials at many levels who are building sustainable peace. In the following pages, you will learn how one former peace fellow is helping to meet emergency needs in Pakistan, and how another is promoting peace from UNICEF headquarters in New York City. Alumni are reintegrating refugees in Sudan and working for disarmament in the Central African Republic. One peacemaker is creating jobs for disadvantaged women in India. Two others are supporting reconstruction and development projects in Haiti.

You also will discover what inspires financial contributors from around the world to support the program. Their investment in the Rotary Peace Centers is helping to create a world where peace is possible.
Carolyn Fanelli
Rotary Peace Fellow, USA to University of Queensland, 2002-04

Carolyn Fanelli knows how quickly floods and other disasters can trigger tragic results. As head of programming for Catholic Relief Services in Islamabad, Pakistan, she has helped provide people with emergency shelter, water purification tablets, cooking utensils, hygiene materials, and other lifesaving aid.

Previously, Fanelli helped oversee the agency’s HIV program in Zimbabwe, which promotes HIV awareness and provides educational assistance, health care, financial aid, and counseling to enable AIDS orphans to reach their full potential.

“The [peace] fellowship experience prepared me for a job in humanitarian relief and development by helping me to understand and critically analyze the theoretical underpinnings of this type of work,” Fanelli says. “I gained an appreciation for how this field evolved, how it links to larger issues of international relations, and how relief and development can contribute to peace and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship inspired me to see possibilities instead of impossibilities.”

Bill and Vivian Benter
Donors, Hong Kong

“Donors to the Rotary Peace Centers invest in the program, and that investment is already paying off. The number of Rotary Peace Fellows working throughout the world in areas relating to peace and conflict resolution grows each year. I have a particular interest in the Middle East and am pleased to see the efforts being made to attract students with an interest in working in this volatile area of the world.

As a businessman, I expect measurable outcomes, and as a longtime supporter of the Rotary Peace Centers, I can see the very visible impact of Rotary Peace Fellows in their chosen fields. When peace finally comes to the Middle East, I know that Rotary Peace Fellows will be a part of the process.”

Bill Benter
Francis Kabosha

Rotary Peace Fellow, Zambia to Chulalongkorn University, 2007; University of Bradford, 2008-10

Francis Kabosha is focused on helping refugees displaced by conflict. After earning his certificate at Chulalongkorn University in 2007, he worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), helping to repatriate refugees living along the Zambian border to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

His experiences at Chulalongkorn and UNHCR “triggered the desire for advanced training in conflict resolution and management,” he says, leading him to study as a Paul and Jean Elder Endowed Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nkwazi, Zambia. He is the first fellow to complete both the professional development certificate program and the master’s program offered by the Rotary Peace Centers.

He now serves as an officer in the returns, reintegration, and recovery section of the United Nations Mission in Sudan, supporting refugees and the internally displaced.

Kabosha says his “desire to serve the needy has grown from one level to another,” instilling in him a commitment “to protect the world’s most vulnerable persons: refugees, who as a result of violent conflicts, find themselves as ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.”

Al and Nancy Jubitz

Donors, USA

“It has been said that there are no problems on the planet that cannot be solved by sitting down, face to face, one with another, in dialogue. This and The Four-Way Test are the true nature of Rotary and the reason why we support the peace centers. The deliberate and thoughtful way in which we Rotarians support the education of the next generation of peacemakers is a tribute to Rotary’s long-term outlook and our collective vision for world peace.

In the event that daily headlines leave you a bit depressed, seek out a peace fellow for an uplifting chat. Nancy and I place great hope for the world in this program.” — Al Jubitz

The education and training that Francis Kabosha received at two Rotary Peace Centers helped prepare him for frontline work in support of refugees.
Miho Fukuhara

After completing her Rotary Peace Fellowship, Miho Fukuhara decided to serve on the front lines of conflict prevention and resolution in Iraq.

“I wanted to gain field experience so I could understand the domestic nature of conflict,” says Fukuhara, who worked as a country representative for Peace Winds Japan, managing and coordinating reconstruction programs in Iraq.

Fukuhara went on to serve as a project officer with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Jerusalem. She is now a United Nations and intergovernmental affairs officer at UNICEF headquarters in New York City.

Although Fukuhara had worked for nongovernmental organizations for six years before becoming a peace fellow, she says the education and training she received through the Rotary Peace Centers program have been essential to her career.

“Having a master’s degree is like a passport to getting a post in this field,” Fukuhara says. “The Rotary Peace Fellowship helped me gain the qualifications to be considered as a candidate for these posts.”
Darshan Mundada

**Rotary Peace Fellow, India to Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008-10**

Darshan Mundada’s passion for social work began in 1999, when he founded the Friends Society to help the poor in his hometown of Pune, Maharashtra, India. “But it was through the Rotary Peace Fellowship that I was able to hone my professional skills,” he says.

As a peace fellow, Mundada’s applied field experience first took him to the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, where he learned how microcredit programs can help break the poverty cycle in developing countries.

He then interned at the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India, which assists Tibetan refugees around the world. This experience enabled him to interact with Tibetan government ministers and members of parliament, and to learn about sustainable development, governance, democratic change, and conflict resolution.

Mundada is now developing a program to help rehabilitate and reintegrate former sex workers into mainstream society. “The program provides vocational training to women to stitch tote bags out of recycled saris. These bags generate employment for disenfranchised women and are a safe, sustainable alternative to plastic bags.”

Bruce Chih-Chiang Lin and Michelle Su-Hui Cheng

**Donors, Taiwan**

We are proud to be part of the growing group of Arch C. Klumph Society members from Taiwan and are pleased to be among those who support the Rotary Peace Centers. When we visited the home of Paul Harris, Rotary’s founder, we were inspired by his vision of Rotarians working together to make the world a better place. That inspiration is what brought about our gift.

We strongly believe that the Rotary Peace Centers are helping to realize Paul Harris’s vision and that the Rotary Peace Fellows are meeting the demands of the real world in the 21st century. The fellows are living the Rotary motto of Service Above Self as they address peace and conflict resolution issues in countries that need help.

As Rotarians, we can partner with the Rotary Peace Fellows in many ways. As donors, we can support the Rotary Peace Centers and provide even more fellows with the real-life tools they need to bring about world peace.”
Through her work for the United Nations Development Programme Brazil, Izabela da Costa Pereira advises the Brazilian government on how best to support reconstruction and development projects in Haiti.

“I learn how to deal with the unexpected and how to overcome obstacles. What motivates me is that I help my country to help another nation in need,” she says.

Previously, Pereira worked as a democratic governance officer with the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, monitoring the country’s main government institutions and helping them determine how to operate democratically to best serve the people.

Pereira’s experience as a peace fellow prepared her well for her career. During her fellowship, she served as an electoral observer with Organization of American States missions in Colombia and Nicaragua; explored conflict-prevention strategies with the United Nations Development Fund for Women in Senegal; and served on a UN peace-building mission for women in Côte d’Ivoire.

“The Rotary Foundation has opened so many doors of opportunity,” she says. “No doubt, all my experiences in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America are the results of the great experience I had as a Rotary Peace Fellow.”


Kenzo and Hitomi Tsuda

Donors, Japan

The ultimate goal of Rotary is to bring about a world where conflict cannot thrive. Rotarians lead this effort through their service and through their generosity. Rotarians have provided the vision for the Rotary Peace Centers, which my wife, Hitomi, and I support.

We are pleased to invest in the education of the Rotary Peace Fellows, who take what they have learned at the centers and work tirelessly at building peace. Let us all do our best to build a global village by supporting these fellows, who are so strongly committed to ending conflict in our lifetimes.

Hitomi and I feel that our contributions are making a difference and respectfully request that you join us in helping to bring peace to our world. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and we thank you very much.” Kenzo Tsuda
Kouame Remi Oussou helps address needs in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic civil conflict before a comprehensive peace accord took effect in 2007. He is a monitoring and evaluation officer for disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

“DDR remains a process,” says Oussou, the first polio survivor to become a Rotary Peace Fellow. “It takes tremendous time to get the D and D done before even thinking of the R part.

“One of my roles is to think in advance how the ex-combatants will be making a living after disarmament and demobilization,” says Oussou, who is fluent in five languages. “We are a quite sturdy team, in the firing line of conflicting interests, including the Central African Republic government, the politico-military leaders, and UNDP itself.

“I could not be more thankful to Rotary for providing me with such a great opportunity."

Kouame Remi Oussou, Rotary Peace Fellow, Côte d’Ivoire to International Christian University, 2007-09

The Rotary Foundation Presidential Funds

Special funds within the Permanent Fund have been established in honor of several past Rotary International presidents. Many of these funds provide general support for the Rotary Peace Centers and Rotary Peace Fellowships. As of press date, the presidential funds supporting the Rotary Peace Centers include:

- Luis Vicente Giay Endowed Fund
- Bill Huntley Endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship Fund
- Charles C. Keller Endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship Fund
- Jonathan B. Majiyagbe Endowed Fund for Rotary Peace Centers
- Bhichai Rattakul Endowed Fund for Rotary Peace Centers
- Rajendra Saboo Endowed Fund
- Wilfrid J. and Joan E. Wilkinson Endowed Fund for Peace and Conflict Resolution
Louisa Dow

Rotary Peace Fellow, Australia to Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008-10

Louisa Dow knows that providing permanent housing to families in Haiti is crucial to the country’s recovery from the devastating earthquake in 2010. As the Habitat for Humanity International partnership coordinator for Haiti disaster response, she works closely with the United Nations, USAID, and other agencies.

Dow manages the USAID Emergency Community Assistance and Planning program. Designed by Habitat for Humanity, the US$3 million program offers community-focused, on-the-ground technical support to government agencies that oversee Haiti’s post-earthquake shelter and settlement initiatives.

“I feel so privileged to be on the ground in Haiti, helping families rebuild their lives by giving them the pathway to permanent housing,” she says.

Dow says her peace fellowship, which focused on international development policy, gave her the time and space to think about the different ways she could help build a better world.

“Being in an environment that nurtured all of us to find new and innovative areas to research was an experience like no other,” she says. “I don’t think there is a better program that could have given me a better education in development and peace than the curriculum at Duke University and UNC.”

Louisa Dow and a Habitat for Humanity colleague identify housing needs in an earthquake-affected neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
Rarely are we given the opportunity to make an impact that could affect millions of lives and change the world. All you have to do is reach out, make a gift, and make a difference.

**Peace is reaching out to others.**

With your help, Rotary Peace Fellows can continue to find peaceful ways to resolve conflicts, fight poverty, protect human rights, spur economic growth, find homes for the homeless, alleviate hunger, and provide educational opportunities for all. With your help, The Rotary Foundation can continue to fund this innovative program.

**Help make peace possible.**

*Elektra Printz, International Christian University, 2003-05*

*Simon Milward, Chulalongkorn University, 2007*
An Invitation to Support

Naming opportunities are available to those who wish to support the activities of the Rotary Peace Centers, including fellowships, applied field internships, seminars, research and travel stipends, and administration.

Contributions may be designated for a specific class of Rotary Peace Fellows or for an endowed fund within the Permanent Fund to provide support in perpetuity. One-time term gifts provide current funding for one or more fellows at a center. The principal of a Permanent Fund contribution is never spent, but a portion of the earnings is made available for specific Rotary Peace Center activities.

Endowed Funds

*All amounts shown in U.S. dollars.*

**$1.5 million – Rotary Peace Fellows**
Endows one Rotary Peace Fellow at a two-year Rotary Peace Center approximately every year.

**$1 million – Visiting Lecturers**
Endows one visiting lecturer each year who has diplomatic experience to teach and mentor at a Rotary Peace Center.

**$750,000 – Rotary Peace Fellows**
Endows one two-year Rotary Peace Fellow at a Rotary Peace Center approximately every two to three years.

**$500,000 – Rotary Peace Fellows**
Endows one two-year Rotary Peace Fellow at a Rotary Peace Center approximately every three to four years.

**$250,000 – Certificate Program Fellows**
Endows one certificate program fellow approximately every year.

**$250,000 – Arch C. Klumph Society Level – Peace Centers General Support**
Endows a fund bearing the donor’s name and provides general support to the program.

**$100,000 – Rotary Peace Center Annual Seminars**
Endows annual seminars at a Rotary Peace Center.

**$25,000 and up – Rotary Peace Centers General Support**
Endows a fund bearing the donor’s name and provides general support to the program.
Term Gifts

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**$75,000 – Rotary Peace Fellow**
Funds a Rotary Peace Fellow at a two-year Rotary Peace Center for one year.

**$75,000 – Applied Field Experiences**
Funds up to 10 internships or research projects for a class of fellows at a Rotary Peace Center for a year.

**$60,000 – Certificate Program Peace Fellows**
Provides one year of funding for approximately five certificate fellows.

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