ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In 2002, Rotary established the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, to promote world peace and develop the next generation of community and world leaders. The Rotary Centers program – created in partnership with seven prestigious universities worldwide – works to train future leaders in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution and develop social and political policies that will help prevent future conflicts.

Each year, up to 60 Rotary World Peace Scholars are chosen from countries and cultures around the world. US\$20 million is the estimated cost to provide full scholarships for the first five classes of scholars.

Rotary's Peace Scholars study in two-year master's-level degree or certificate programs focused on international relations, peace, conflict resolution and related subjects. The scholars are chosen from a world-competitive pool of applicants.

The seven universities hosting Rotary Centers are:

- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of California, Berkeley, California, USA
- The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (both universities jointly host one Rotary Center)

Potential scholars must possess the following:

- hold citizenship in a country where there is a Rotary club;
- hold an earned undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university or its international equivalent (based on a four-year curriculum);
- have proficiency in a second language (including the language of the proposed host university);
- possess excellent leadership skills;
- demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through service, academic, or professional achievements.