



**ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD
District 5950 Global Grant Scholarships**

Grant Terms and Conditions for Study beginning Fall 2019

District 5950 will provide funding for up to two Global Grant Scholarships annually for qualified applicants.

Criteria

- Funding amount: \$30,000, which can be used for one or more years of study.
- **Graduate study in a degree program** in a country other than the United States, where the institution of study is located in a Rotary district but the institution is not one of Rotary's five Peace Centers.
- Scholars cannot use the grant to fund studies that have already begun.
- The area of study and the applicant's planned vocation must be in one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus:
 - Promoting peace
 - Fighting disease
 - Providing clean water
 - Saving mothers and children
 - Supporting education
 - Growing local economies

Applicant Requirements

An applicant for a District 5950 Global Grant Scholarship must:

1. Must be a bona fide resident in District 5950, OR within three years prior to application, have resided in, worked in, or attended an educational institution in District 5950 for at least 2 years.
2. Establish a relationship with a local Rotary Club in District 5950 ("Sponsoring Club").
3. Submit a complete application by the deadline of **October 30, 2018**, including a budget for the use of the Scholarship Grant.
4. Locate and identify one or more potential overseas Host Clubs near the proposed study institution.
5. Do the following if selected:
 - Obtain admission to the institution and provide evidence of admission no later than **April 15, 2019**.
 - Attend an orientation session or meet with a designated Rotarian in District 5950 for the Global Grant Scholarship program.
 - Provide receipts for all qualifying expenditures as detailed below.
 - Provide reports during and after the period of study as detailed below.
 - Make at least two presentations to the overseas Host Club during the study period, highlighting the progress made.
6. Applicants must certify on the application form that, in order to abide by Rotary International's conflict of interest policy related to individuals receiving grant funds, they **do not** fit in any of the categories listed below:
 - Rotarian, including honorary Rotarian
 - Employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International

- Spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of person(s) in the above categories
- Employee of an agency, organization, or institution that partners with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International
- Former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian who has terminated membership within the preceding 36 months
- Person who is ineligible based on a familial relationship to a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian, for a period of 36 months after termination of family member's membership

District 5950 Sponsoring Club Requirements

The Sponsoring Rotary Club must:

1. Assist the applicant with his or her application, including screening the applicant for suitability.
2. Establish a relationship with a Host Rotary Club, as with any other Global Grant process. It is recommended, but not required, that the Sponsoring Club contact a prospective Host Club before the application is submitted to the District to confirm that a prospective Host Club is committed to participate.
3. Have a current Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with District 5950 and be in good standing on all existing grants. Assure that the Host Rotary Club has a current Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place and is in good standing on all existing grants.
4. Fund the applicant's attendance at orientation if the applicant is selected. (Note: The Club makes no contribution to the cost of the scholarship, which will be totally funded by District DDF and The Rotary Foundation.) At present, the orientation is held in Minneapolis at no cost.
5. Disburse the scholarship proceeds. The Sponsoring Club is responsible to disburse the proceeds against receipts for eligible expenses and to provide a Final Report at the conclusion, as with any other Global Grant. **The Club will need to maintain a separate checking account for this purpose.**

District Selection Process

1. The District Global Grant Scholarship Committee will review and screen applications, interview candidates, and select applicants to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for the Global Grant Scholarship. The application cannot be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for final approval until
 - 1) the applicant has evidence of admission to the institution of study, and
 - 2) the Sponsoring Club has established the host relationship with a Club in the district where the institution is located.
2. The District will provide funding of \$15,000.00 per scholarship to match The Rotary Foundation funding, resulting in the \$30,000.00 scholarship per person.

Schedule

Application deadline to Sponsoring Club	October 10, 2018
Applications due to District Committee	October 30, 2018
Notification to Applicants of persons selected for interviews	November 5, 2018
Interviews	November 17, 2018
Selection by District	November 17, 2018
Application to institutions (recommended: two or three)	December 1, 2018
Proof of admission to institution	April 15, 2019
Proof of established Host Club relationship	April 22, 2019
Submission of completed application, including evidence of admission and Host Club relationship to The Rotary Foundation	April 30, 2019

Anticipated date for confirmation of acceptance, Global Grant Orientation
Commencement of Study

June 2019
Prior to departure
Fall 20189 – Spring 2020
(or longer, depending on program)

Additional Information

A Global Grant Scholarship is subject to all terms and conditions of any Global Grant. The current terms and conditions can be found on the Rotary International website (www.rotary.org). Some terms of particular relevance to the Global Grant scholars are:

Budget

Post-approval/pre-travel expenses to be covered

- Cost of required country visas, but not personal passport
- Cost of required inoculations, but not doctor appointments
- Travel expenses as specified in the grant terms and conditions
- Cost of application fee for the institution accepted and attending, if Rotary District has approved the scholar

During Study Period

- School supplies - Eligible: books, workbooks, but not personal computers
- Tuition
- Room and board
- Study-related travel

Ineligible Expenses (i.e. most personal expenses)

- Any expenses incurred before the application is approved (application fees, language exam fees, etc.)
- Purchase of furniture, automobile, bicycle, or clothing
- All expenses for spouses and dependents
- Housing expenses in the home country during the scholarship period
- Any taxes owed as a result of receiving the scholarship
- Medical and dental care
- Entertainment
- Personal travel
- Expenses related to Rotary events

Note: Most personal and miscellaneous expenses are not covered by the scholarship funding.

If Grant Budget includes Travel:

The Rotary Foundation grants may cover the following budgeted expenses related to travel:

1. Economy-class ticket(s)
2. Transportation to and from airports and local travel related to grant implementation
3. Cost of inoculations/immunizations, visas (not passport), and entry and exit taxes
4. Normal and reasonable luggage charges

The Rotary Foundation grants **will not** cover the following expenses related to travel:

1. Expenses associated with optional stopovers before or after pre-approved travel

2. Penalties resulting from changes in personal travel arrangements, including optional stopovers
3. Excess baggage charges, shipping charges, and any supplemental insurance

The Sponsoring Club is responsible for maintaining emergency contact information and travel itineraries for all grant recipients traveling on grant funds. This information must also be provided to The Rotary Foundation (RITS).

Grant recipients are responsible for:

1. Making travel arrangements. Failure to arrange travel promptly may increase the cost of travel or result in the cancellation of the grant.
2. Any expenses that exceed the approved travel budget, unless approved by The Rotary Foundation
3. Meeting all medical requirements for international travel.
4. Arranging and funding any personal travel. Such travel may take place for a maximum of four weeks at the end of the grant activities, after which grant recipients are expected to return home.
5. Abiding by Rotary International country travel restrictions.

Language Proficiency.

If an academic language is offered only in the study country language, the applicant must have language proficiency in the study country's language. Because many graduate programs throughout the world are offered in English, foreign-language proficiency is not a requirement of this program.

Orientation

Scholars are expected to

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Rotary
2. Participate in an orientation session before departure
3. Participate in club and district activities as requested by their sponsors

Global grant scholars are required to participate in an outbound orientation session before departure.

Options include a regional scholar orientation seminar and the self-guided online orientation (using the Rotary Foundation presentation). A list of regional global grant scholar orientation seminars worldwide is regularly updated and accessible on the RI website.

Reports by Scholar

- 1) **Financial reports.** The scholar will submit statements of expenses monthly to the Sponsoring Club for the duration of the scholarship and will include all expense receipts in order to receive reimbursement. No expense will be reimbursed without an eligible receipt. The scholar will be provided with an appropriate first-month advance for anticipated expenses followed by monthly reimbursements thereafter.
- 2) **Study reports.** The scholar will submit quarterly reports summarizing the studies/research to the Sponsoring Club, including the relationship to the pertinent area(s) of focus and the scholar's Rotary and community involvement.
- 3) **Program report.** The scholar will make a final report to the Sponsoring Club after the academic study is completed to update post-scholarship progress and/or Rotary connections. If the scholar is in the Sponsoring Club location, the scholar will make an in-person final presentation.