

January 2017

Re: **World Peace Fellowships**

Dear District 5450 Club Presidents, Foundation and/or International Service Chairs and interested parties:

On behalf of the District 5450 World Peace Programs Subcommittee, we are very pleased to announce that our District may nominate individuals to compete in the world competition for either of two exciting initiatives by The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International: **1) Up to 60 applicants are selected annually to study at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies.** Each person selected will receive a two-year fellowship to study for a master's degree at one of the six approved institutions throughout the world that focus on world peace and international conflict resolution. These six centers are located at Duke University and the University of North Carolina, USA (both universities participate); International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia and Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. The fellows chosen worldwide in 2017 will attend from 2018-2020. *Selected USA scholars may not attend USA universities.* **2) Up to 25 (generally 20) of these fellows are selected to study at the Rotary Center - Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand for one three-month program beginning in either January or July.** Each person selected will receive a fellowship to participate in a professional development certificate program for three months of very interactive study focused on peace and conflict resolution.

Please note that these Rotary World Peace Fellowships are separate and distinct from District 5450 Ambassadorial Scholarships. As the Rotary Foundation explains, "Candidates for Rotary World Peace Fellowships should have proven leadership abilities in addition to the academic, volunteer and professional experience that demonstrates a commitment to peace and conflict resolution. They will generally be older and more professionally focused than the average candidate for an Ambassadorial Scholarship." Local colleges and universities; government agencies; former international volunteers; mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution groups; and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar and Group Study Exchange alumni might be appropriate sources of qualified candidates.

Appointed by the 2016-2017 District Governor Bill Downes, this Subcommittee will interview and select our District's **nominees** for the 2017 awards by **June 24, 2017**. To respect the excellent and up to date communications skills of any candidate that will be successful in this application process, all communications (except the completed final application form) will be handled via email. As a result, we are providing the following Rotary Foundation Internet links to the information that will be needed to support your selection and endorsement process. From these links, you or an applicant can access the Download Center for Program guides, applications, information on the universities and the study content highlights and gets hints to improve your application.

- 1) Applicants go directly to the application here: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowship-application>
- 2) By clicking on the following link a whole world of information opens to help Rotarians and applicants alike about this wonderful program: <https://www.rotary.org/our-programs/peace-fellowships>
- 3)

The program rules require the District 5450 Subcommittee to conduct interviews with candidates selected by clubs in our District and to submit the selected applications to The Rotary Foundation to arrive there on or before the July 1, 2017 deadline. Clubs should begin their search for applicants immediately. They need to conduct their interview and selection process January through April. Completed applications with your club's endorsement must be received at the address below by **May 31, 2017**:

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If you or your potential applicants have questions not answered in the Program Guide, elsewhere on the Website or if you are unable to reach me, you may also call RI at: 1-847-866-3318, fax: 1-847-866-0934.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me for any assistance you may need. We look forward to receiving your club endorsed applications and interviewing your selected candidates.

Warm Rotary regards,

Dan V. Clark, PDG