

Rotary



District 9705

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Local Rotarians are seeking to support individuals who wish to pursue graduate-level coursework or research overseas in one of Rotary's seven causes:

- Supporting education
- Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Protecting the environment
- Growing local economies
- Fighting disease
- Promoting peace

The support offered is financial – in the form of a scholarship for a minimum of US\$30,000 – as well as local assistance and support by both an Australian Rotary club and a Rotary club in the proposed study location.

Good to know upfront

Applicants may choose to study from one to four academic years.

Ordinarily, applicants must study outside of Australia in a country that is not banned for Rotary-funded travel (see *Some nitty gritty* on page 4), however, we understand that safety and flexibility are primary considerations this year.

Applicants must be proficient in the language of the study location.

Applicants must not be Rotarians, members of their family, or employed by Rotary entities or by organisations that partner with Rotary (see *Some nitty gritty* on page 4 for a complete list of those excluded).

Preference may be given to applicants who currently reside, work or study, or who have previously resided, worked or studied, within Rotary District 9705 (see *What is Rotary* on page 3).

Successful applicants will need to provide proof of university admission to a graduate-level program or letter of invitation to conduct postgraduate-level research in order for scholarship funding to be approved. Admission that requires a grant of financial support or is dependent on the completion of an undergraduate degree is acceptable. Admission that is contingent on improvement in a language score, however, is unacceptable.



Providing Clean Water © Rotary International Alyce Henson

What we are looking for

We are looking for individuals who have:

- Demonstrated high ethical standards in their personal, professional or academic lives
- Strong public speaking and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of local, regional and international current events, as well as of the culture and history of Australia and the proposed study location
- Well-defined and realistic goals
- Concrete ideas for advancing with their chosen field



Supporting Education © Rotary International Alyce Henson

When evaluating applications, we will consider:

- An applicant's educational, professional or volunteer experience
- The alignment of an applicant's proposed academic program with one of Rotary's seven causes
- An applicant's future career plans as they relate to one of Rotary's seven causes.

Some examples of academic programs which align with Rotary's seven causes are set out below. This list is a guide and is not exhaustive. Though it does not yet include examples for Rotary's newest cause – Protecting the environment – ideas can be found at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/protecting-environment>.



Supporting education

Education, literacy, curriculum development, special education, school administration



Fighting disease

Public health, advanced degrees in nursing and medicine



Growing local economies

Social science degrees with a specific focus on economic and community development, business degrees tailored for social business or microcredit



Saving mothers and children

Epidemiology, nutrition, global health, public health, health promotion, degrees in nursing and medicine



Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene

Water science or engineering, water management, environmental science, epidemiology, parasitology



Promoting peace

Conflict prevention/resolution, peace and justice studies, international relations or law with a specialisation in peace and conflict



Fighting Disease © Rotary International Alyce Henson

For applicants considering programs relating to peace, please note:

- Applicants seeking to study general international relations or law may not be considered favourably.
- Rotary awards up to 130 Peace Fellowships each year – these are fully funded academic fellowships at premier universities around the world in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. For more information, visit www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships. Applicants seeking to pursue the same or similar academic programs as Peace Fellows are ineligible for this scholarship, however, they are encouraged to apply for a Peace Fellowship.

What we expect of Rotary Scholars

We expect Rotary Scholars to have a knowledge of Rotary.

We expect Rotary Scholars to participate in Rotary activities before, during, and after the scholarship, for example, by making presentations at Rotary meetings and events, or participating in service projects.

We also appreciate Rotary Scholars who are willing to periodically report on – via an online journal, for example – their achievements and experiences overseas.



Saving Mothers and Children © Rotary International Alyce Henson

To apply – easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 Download an application form from <https://rotary9705.org.au/page/rotary-global-scholars>
- 2 Send one (1) digital copy of your completed application to scholarshipsd9705@gmail.com before the close of applications
- 3 Ensure that one (1) paper copy of your completed application, addressed to the Global Grant Scholarships District Committee, arrives before the close of applications at 9/317 Goyder Street, Narrabundah ACT 2604

⇒ Applications close midnight on Friday, 16 April 2021

For further information

Like or follow *Rotary District 9705 Global Grant Scholarships* on Facebook. Email any enquiries to scholarshipsd9705@gmail.com and include a name and contact telephone number in your message.

What is Rotary

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help goodwill and peace in the world.



Growing Local Economies © Rotary International Monika Lozinska

Over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas initiate service projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns.

This scholarship is offered by Rotarians in Rotary District 9705, which covers the ACT and a mix of rural and urban communities in coastal, western and southern NSW.

To learn more about Rotary Clubs in your area, visit www.rotaryd9705.org.au

Some nitty gritty

Conflict of interest

To avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, scholarships funded by Rotary cannot be awarded to:

- Rotarians, including honorary Rotarians
- Employees of clubs, districts, or other Rotary Entities, or of Rotary International
- Spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of persons in the above categories
- Employees of agencies, organisations or institutions that partner with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International
- Former Rotarians and honorary Rotarians who have terminated their membership within the preceding 36 months
- Persons who were ineligible based on their familial relationship to a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian, for a period of 36 months after termination of their family member's membership.

Travel ban list

Rotary-funded travel is suspended for the following countries as of 1 June 2020.

- Afghanistan
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Iran
- Iraq
- Libya
- Mali
- North Korea
- Pakistan
- Palestinian Territories – Gaza City
- Somalia
- South Sudan



Promoting Peace © Rotary International Alyce Henson

- Sudan
- Syria
- Venezuela
- Yemen

COVID-19 Restrictions

Rotary-funded travel to, from and through all countries is mostly restricted until further notice. Travel requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Use of scholarship funds

Items eligible for scholarship funding:

- Passport/visa
- Vaccinations
- Travel expenses
- School supplies
- Tuition
- School fees
- Room and board
- Household supplies
- Language training courses, but not if university admission is contingent on improvement in language skills
- Local transportation expenses

Items ineligible for scholarship funding:

- Expenses incurred before the application is approved
- Furniture
- Vehicles
- Expenses for spouses and dependents
- Housing expenses in Australia during the scholarship period
- Taxes owed as a result of receiving the scholarship
- Medical care
- Entertainment
- Personal travel
- Expenses related to Rotary events
- Other personal or miscellaneous expenses