



Rotary District 9670 – Group Study exchange General Information and Frequently Asked Questions

If you would like to discuss the program or are seeking additional information please contact the GSE Chair, Christine Roach on gse@rotary9670.org.au

1. Application fee

A non -refundable application fee of **\$75** is payable prior to the interview for all applications and can be made by bank transfer:

Account name: The Rotary Foundation Committee

BSB: 650 300

Account Number: 500479206

Team leader application fees are payable by the applicant.

Team member application fees are payable by the sponsoring club.

2. Do I have to attend the interview and selection weekend?

Applicants must ensure their availability for the interview dates identified. Applicants residing more than 150km from the interview location may be able to attend the interview via skype or similar technology. Applicants invited to proceed to the selection weekend will be required to be available in person for this event.

3. How are the team members selected?

Selection of team members is made with a panel considering vocational and educational background, motivation for the program, presentation through selection activities and team fit. Applicants will be required to deliver presentations at interview and during the selection weekend.

4. What is the financial commitment as a team member or team leader?

The program is funded within the Rotary District under a grant, however each participant (team leader and team members) contributes **\$750** toward offsetting the cost of the program. This is payable within 4 weeks of appointment to the team and confirms the individuals place within the team.

5. If selected as the team leader or team member, what are my commitments to Rotary and the Team?

The 'team leader and Team Member Commitment form outlines your obligations. This form must be signed and submitted with an application.

6. What is the role of a sponsoring Rotary Club?

By agreeing to sponsor an applicant for either team leader or team member, a Club commits to:

- Support the team member applicant to attend regular club meetings and activities to learn about Rotary International, the District and sponsoring Club prior to departure.
- Identify a mentor within the Club as a regular point of contact for the team member applicant.
- Invite the team member and their team (where possible and practical) to attend a Club meeting and present either pre or post exchange.
- Support the team member/leader applicant through payment of the application fee, and, if successful in being selected, provision of a team jacket for the applicant to wear during exchange.
- Sponsor the applicant to attend the District 9670 Conference
- Provide the selected team member/leader with a token, such as a club banner, to use as an exchange with Club Presidents whilst on exchange.

7. Who pays the travel costs?

The Rotary District provides the funds to cover the costs of transportation, not to exceed round trip economy class airfares between the point of departure in the home district and the point of arrival in the host district. Any overnight stops during the journey to and from the host district will be at the individuals cost.

8. Who provides the accommodation and travel while in the host country?

Local Rotarians in the host country will provide the accommodation, usually within their homes, and travel within the host district during the study tour.

9. After the study tour, can I extend my trip?

Yes, once the GSE study tour is completed, you can extend your trip at your own extra cost. All extended travel must be organized prior to departure from the home district.