

## Building Peace through Professional Development:

### Peace Scholar Opportunities



Are you at a point in your life where you are contemplating additional, significant ways for “service above self”, especially given the seemingly unprecedented challenges our world faces in all six of Rotary’s focus areas? Peace is essential for success in all of them.

### Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Peace Centers Program has a vision of sustainable peace: encompassing a network of peacebuilders and community leaders dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts across the global community.



Career opportunities are plentiful and varied. Peace fellows work in NGOs, government agencies, research, academia, UN agencies, and law enforcement. The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships in both the master’s degree program and the professional development certificate program. *The fellowship covers tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all research and field study expenses!*

District 6310 is committed to recruiting and endorsing applicants for the peace fellowship program. Toward that end, we would like to take the initiative and build a pool of prospective applicants who might qualify for a fellowship in the next year or two. *District 6310 has a goal of having at least one qualified applicant for Rotary year 2020-2021.*

In 2018, to assist clubs and districts, the RI peace center staff added new training sessions at Rotary.org. Peace fellow candidates will find helpful resources there as well. This year, the staff will begin a campaign to increase participation in the endorsement process at the district level. The goal is to have a peace fellowship subcommittee chair appointed in each district by 2020, which should strengthen the peace fellowship program and advance Rotary’s peacebuilding efforts.

“The program and course of study helped me refine my ideas, validate my past life and work experiences, and acquire the academic credentials I needed to build the networks to do my work,” says Kiran Singh Sirah, a British-born Sikh who now leads the International Storytelling Center in Tennessee. “It has given me more than 1,200 peace fellows and 1.2 million Rotarians to build partnerships and projects with—and it gave me an international family, the people I spent two intense years living and studying with. Our time together created a binding force we can use to take on some of the world’s most pressing challenges.”

For a more complete portrayal of what is involved and how to become a Rotary Peace Fellow, click on [xxxxxx the link to the 4-page document.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Gail Hoffman, Midland Noon Rotary; Peacebuilding Committee Chair; District 6310 Peace Scholar Coordinator at [gailhoffmanhome@gmail.com](mailto:gailhoffmanhome@gmail.com). Exciting opportunities await!