



Rotary Peace Centers Fellowship







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 around the globe.



Rotary partners with **leading universities** to host Rotary Peace Centers that empower, educate, and increase the capacity of peacebuilders.

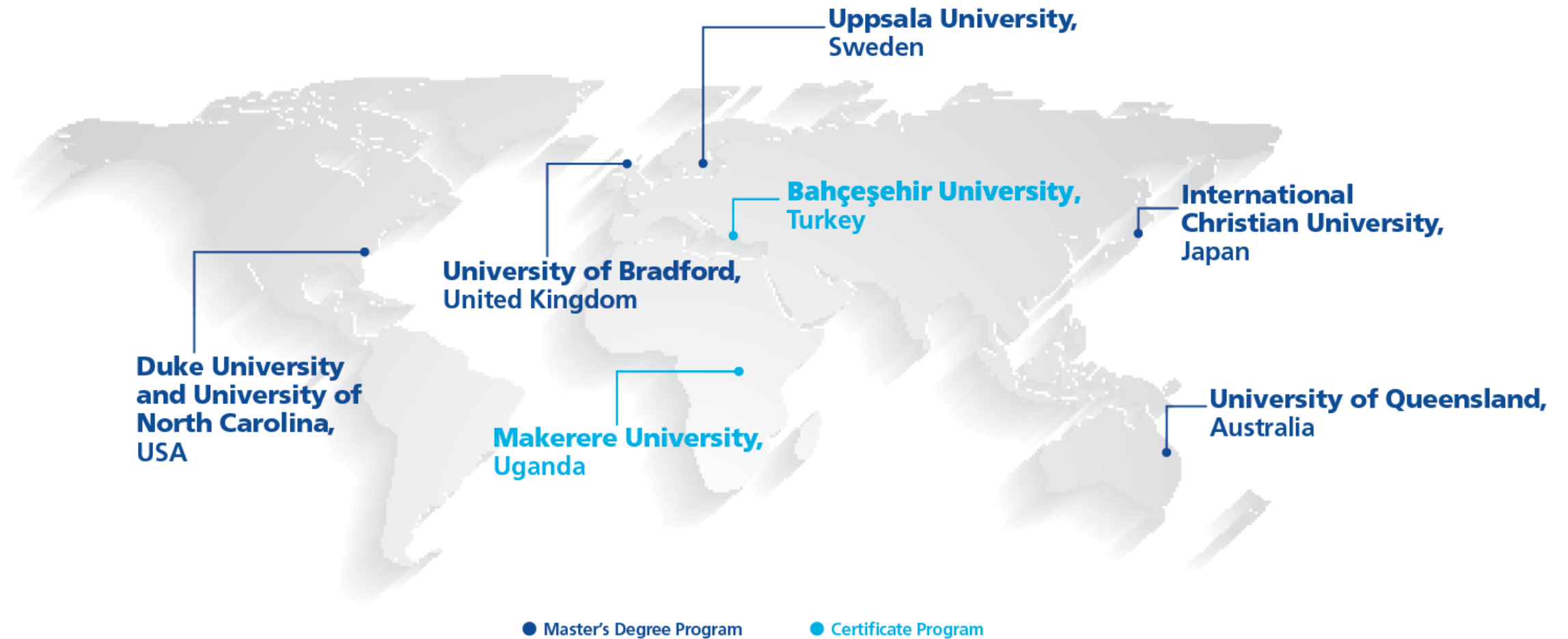


More than **1,800 program alumni** are working on peace and development in more than 140 countries.



Our Programs

Rotary Peace Centers



Master's and Certificate programs



Master's program:

- Those near the start of their careers
- 50 fellows per year (10 per center)
- 15-24 month course with an applied field experience

Certificate program:

- Proven peace and development leaders
- 80 fellows selected next year (40 per center)
- One-year blended learning program intended for working professionals with a social change initiative

Master's program

Fellowship components



ACADEMIC TRAINING

Learn theories and approaches



APPLIED FIELD EXPERIENCE

Build practical skills



NETWORKING

Expand your global network



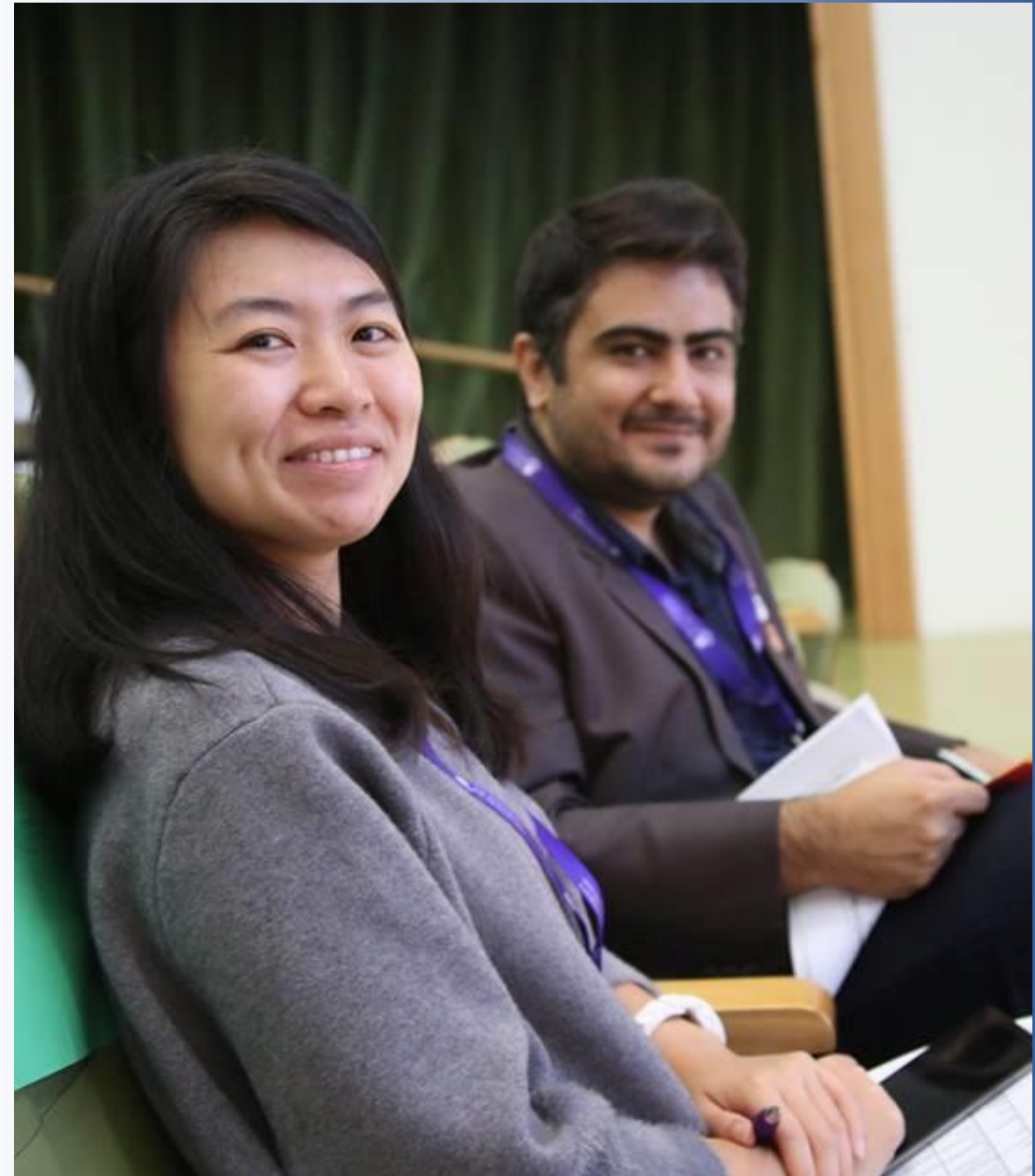
WORKSHOP SERIES

Develop professional skills



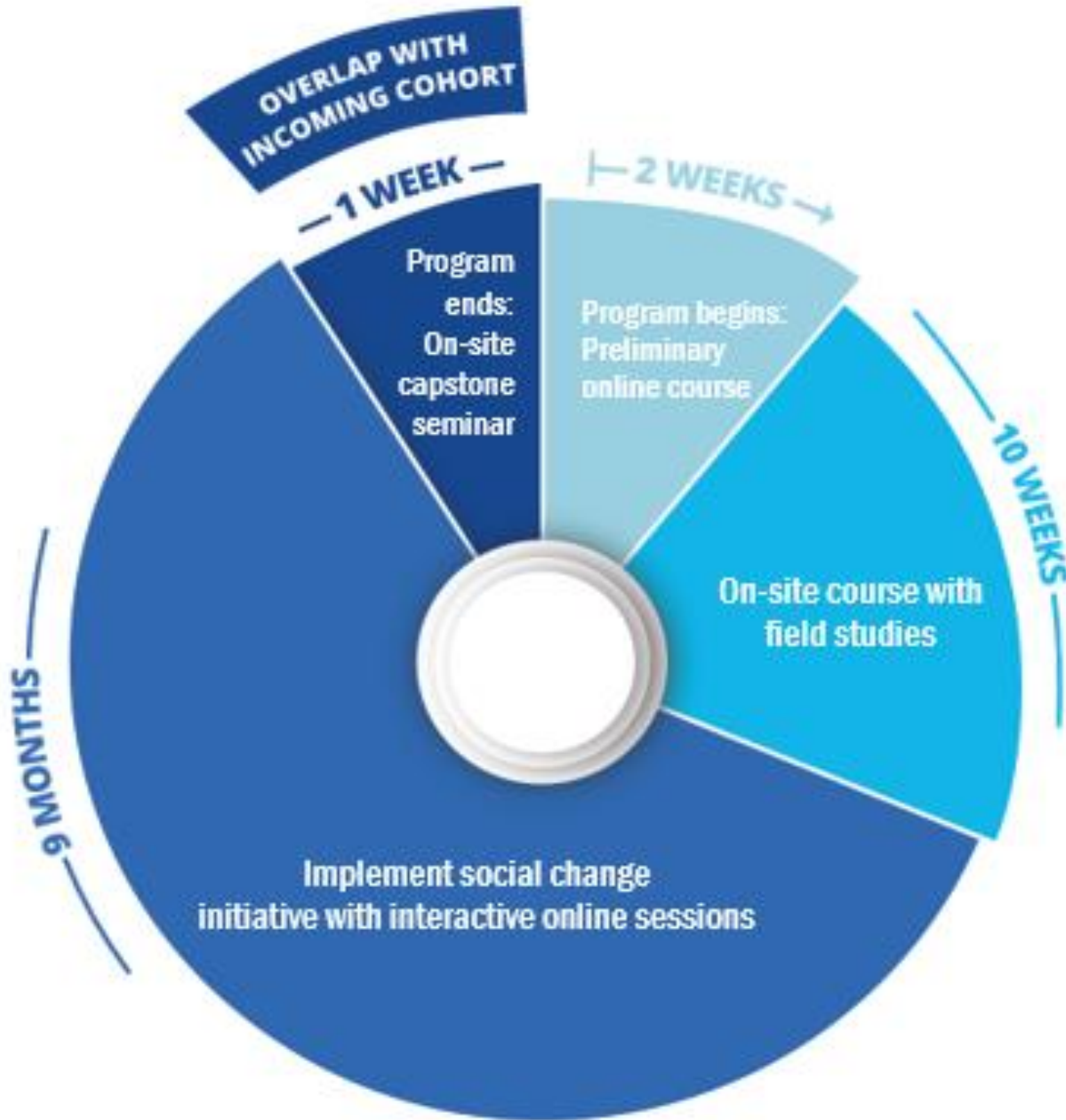
FINAL SEMINAR

Present your master's research



Certificate program

Fellowship components



Certificate candidates must:

- Have English proficiency and a bachelor's degree
- Have a strong and proven commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace, and demonstrate leadership skills
- Have at least five years of full-time experience in peace or development work
- Explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission
- Candidates for Makerere: be from Africa or have strong ties or interest in working with African communities
- Candidates for Bahçeşehir: be from the Middle East/North Africa region or have strong ties or interest in working within MENA communities



Eligibility restrictions

- Active Rotary members, or Rotaract members who are also Rotary members, and their spouses or lineal descendants are not eligible.
- Rotaract club members, who are not also Rotary club members, are eligible to apply.
- Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the certificate program or a Global Grant Scholarship must wait 3 years between the end date of that program and their intended start date for the fellowship.
- Candidates must have at least 3 years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

Fellowship funding

Total average funding:

Master's fellowship: ~US\$86,200

Certificate fellowship: ~US\$10,600

Master's funding includes:

- Tuition
- Room and board
- Travel to and from country of study
- Internship expenses
- Conference/research expenses
- Insurance
- Contingency fund

Certificate funding includes:

- Tuition
- On-campus accommodations
- Travel to and from country of study
- Field study expenses
- Course materials
- Insurance

A group of five people, four men and one woman, are standing in a field with large banana leaves in the background. The group consists of a man in a blue and white striped polo shirt, an older man in a white polo shirt with a blue stripe, a man in a plaid shirt, a woman in a white t-shirt with 'traougnice' written on it, and a man in a white polo shirt. The woman is using two silver crutches. A large blue circle with a white percentage is overlaid on the right side of the image.

CAREER PATHS

93% of working alumni have
a job connected to peace
and development

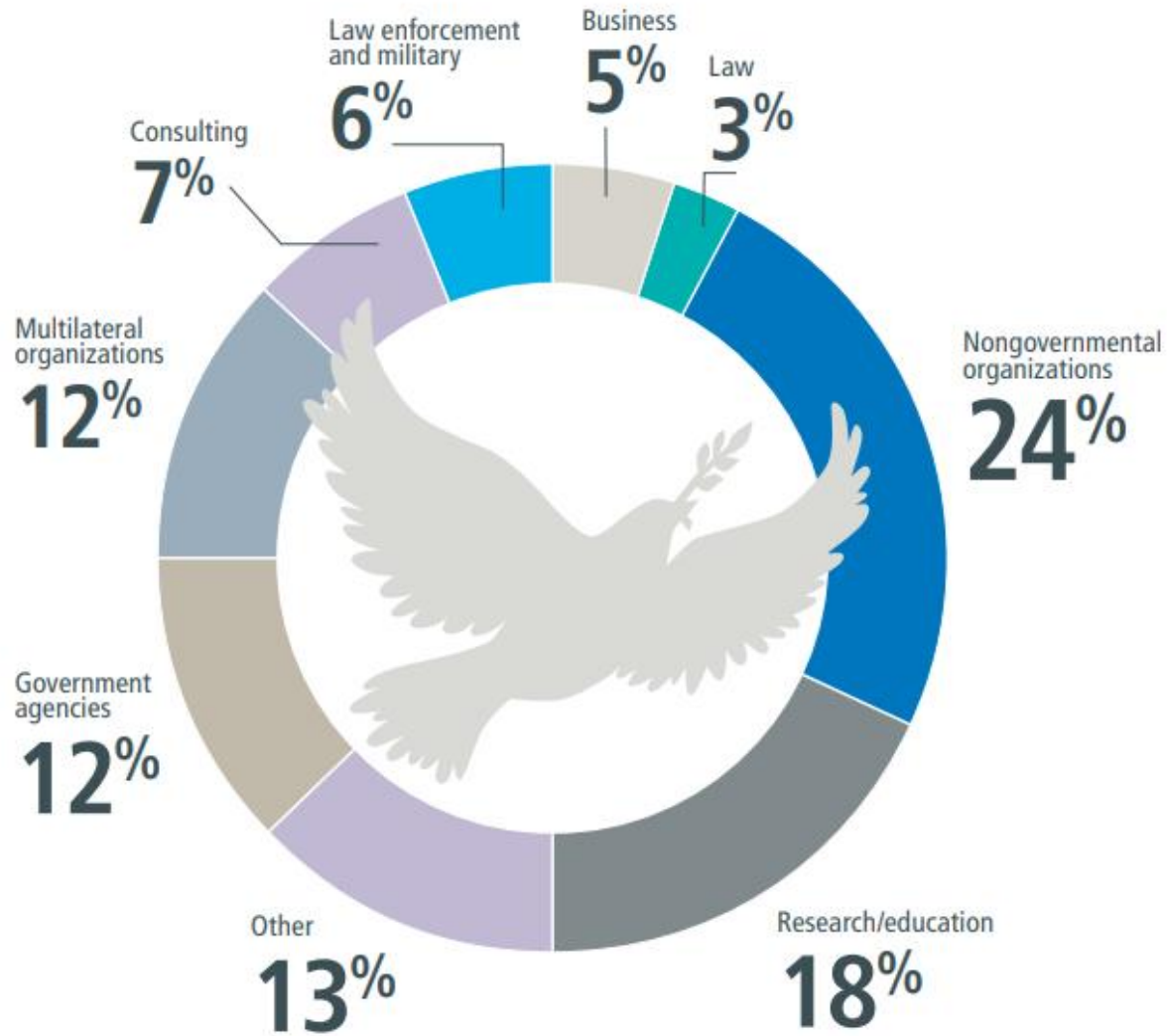
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Rotary Peace Fellows are giving back by supporting peace and development initiatives in communities affected by conflict.

KEY BENEFICIARIES

- Refugees & displaced persons
- Young people
- Conflict-affected areas
- Women & children
- Impoverished communities

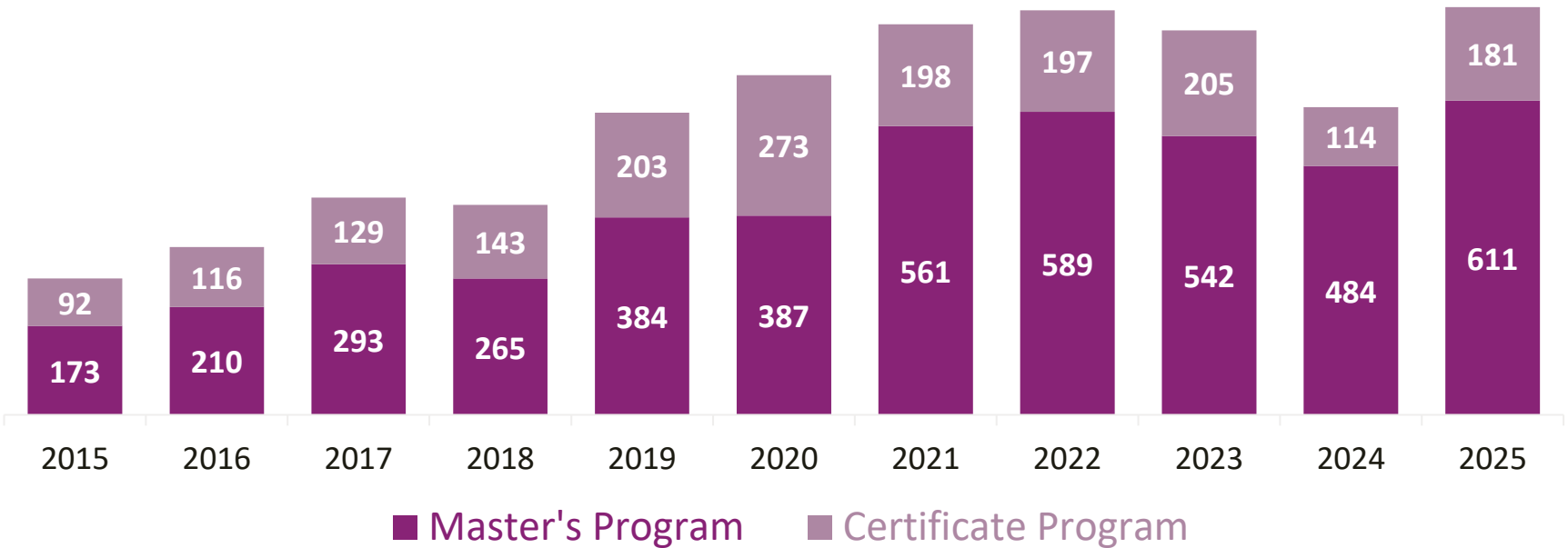




Program alumni serve as leaders in government and nongovernment agencies, education and research, multilateral organizations such as United Nations agencies and the World Bank, law enforcement and the military, law, media and the arts, and other peacebuilding organizations.

Peace Fellowship Recruitment

Application status	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual % increase 2025
Submitted	403	425	541	1353	1472	1475	1170	1320	1333	1323	1572	19%
Endorsed	312	406	487	552	678	809	814	597	646	-	-	-
Qualified	265	326	422	408	587	660	759	786	747	598	792	33%



23% certificate

77% Master's

ROTARY'S FIRST PEACE CENTER IN AFRICA – MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA



- First class started in January 2021
- 70% of cohort from Africa
- One-year program emphasizes practical coursework and implementation of a social change initiative.
- Cohort comes together on campus at beginning and end of program.



ROTARY'S FIRST PEACE CENTER IN AFRICA – MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA

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“Makerere marks the first time in history that an institution in Africa has been designed to train Africans to find African solutions to African problems.”



Yinka Babalola, Nigeria
RI Vice President 2019-20

A middle-aged man with a friendly smile is standing on a balcony. He is wearing a blue long-sleeved button-down shirt and a traditional black Nepali cap (Dhaka). His hands are clasped in front of him, resting on a metal railing. The background shows a dense urban landscape with colorful buildings, followed by rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The text 'Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni



SUNNY DADA NIGERIA

Manager Free Expression and Pluralism at
Institute for Media and Society

“The fellowship validated my career as a journalist and peacebuilder. It also provided me a new toolbox as a peace facilitator. I also had the opportunity to learn from the rich experiences of other peace fellows and created indispensable networks. My work is now much more amplified.”

Sarah Sanderson (USA)

International Christian University
2014-16

Foreign Service Officer
U.S. Department of State

Sarah conducted her fellowship applied field experience with the Foreign Service leading to a job opportunity following graduation.

“The ten weeks with the Foreign Service in Mozambique was an incredible chance for me to grow personally and professionally and I’m grateful to Rotary for making such an applied field experience possible.”



Paul Mushaho DRC

Co-founder of Rotaract Club in Nakivale

“I fled from the Democratic Republic of Congo after receiving death threats from a Mai-Mai militia group. Almost as soon as I arrived at Nakivale Refugee camp in Uganda, I saw opportunities to improve the refugees’ quality of life. The fellowship at Makerere aligns closely with what I am doing in Nakivale Refugee Camp. When I go back, I will know how to tackle different challenges in different communities based on their norms and beliefs.”



Lucas Peña (Colombia)

Bradford, 2014-15

Director of the Framework Plan for the
Implementation of the Peace Agreement
Colombian Presidency

“Peacebuilding is not only a matter of
local communities, not only a matter of
national government, and not only a
matter of the international community;
it’s a mix of all those levels.”



Social Change Initiatives



Literacy Project for Girls in Underserved Communities: its Effect in Building Positive Peace

Grace Anuforo. Sagamu, Ogun state, Nigeria

Conflict Sensitive Reporting for Violence Free Elections.

Maryann Okon. Lagos, Nigeria

Youth for Peace

Olusina Ajao. Lagos, Nigeria

The Use of Craft Trade to Economically Empower Women in the Niger Delta

Dr. Ifeyinwa Philippa Odiaka. Abuedo community in the Niger Delta

The Role of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Peace Building

Rikweka'a Musa. Lupwe, Lumbu, & Takum Communities in Taraba State, Nigeria

Kick Out Cultism from Learning Institutions in Nigeria

Sunny Aribibia Dada. Port Harcourt, Rivers State

A modern building with a dark facade and large glass windows. The words "BAU FUTURE CAMPUS" are mounted on the roof in large, blue, three-dimensional letters. The building has a covered entrance area supported by dark columns. There are trees and a paved area in the foreground. The sky is cloudy.

BAU FUTURE CAMPUS

The Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University



Curriculum (three consecutive modules)

Sustainable Development (SD) Module

Equitable Economic Development

Gender, Peace and Development

Migration/Refugee Crises: Challenges to P & D

Environmental Crisis: Challenges to P & D

SD Issues and Best Practices in the MENA

Conflict Resolution (CR) Module

Conflict Management-Resolution-Transformation

Western and Middle Eastern CR Mechanisms

Role of Cultural Intelligence in PVE/CT

Regional Peacekeepers in the MENA

Community-led Reconciliation in the MENA

Diplomacy and Cooperation Module

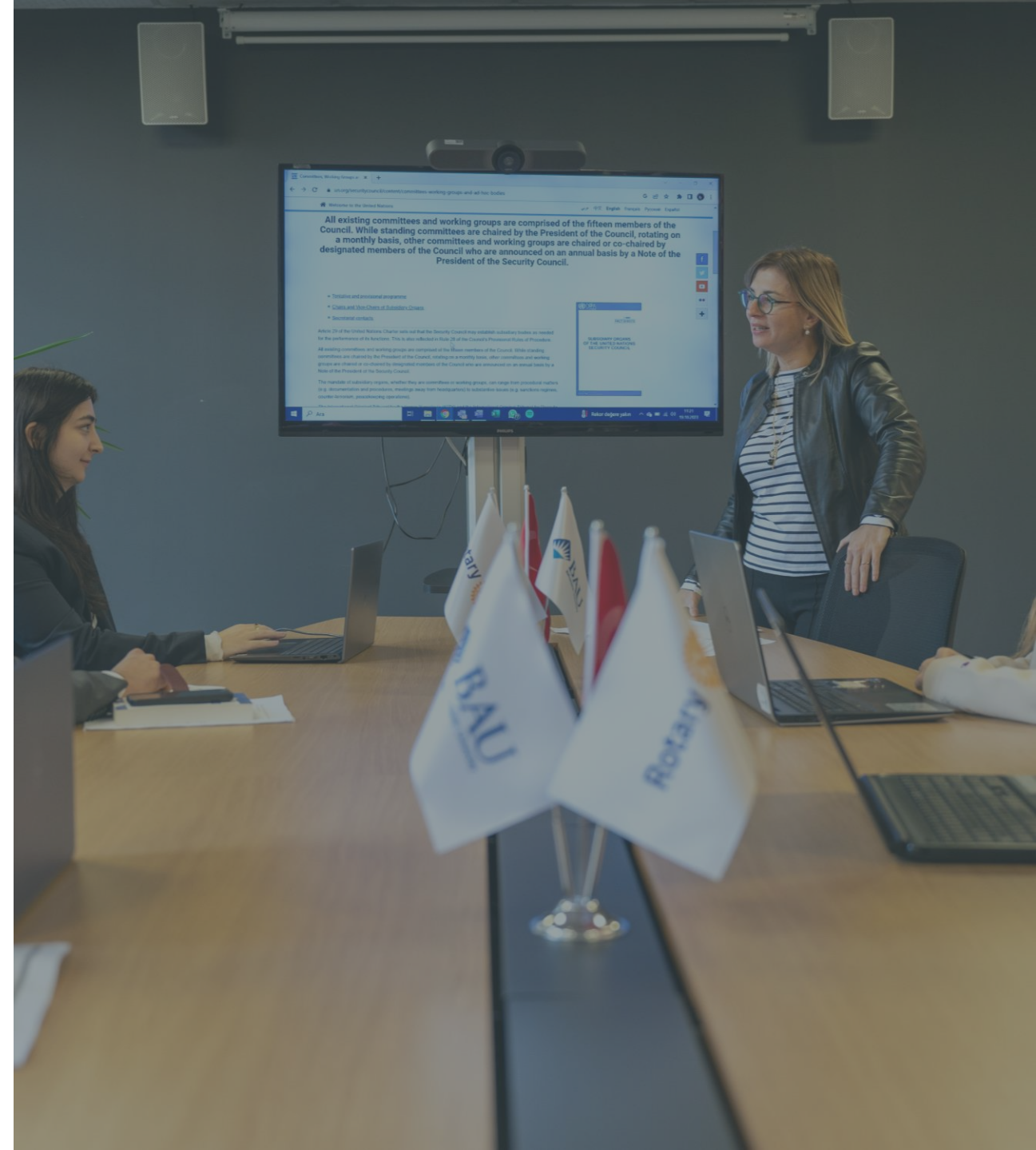
Diplomatic Practice and the New Global Challenges

Diplomacy of Normalization

Citizen Diplomacy in the MENA

Science Diplomacy in the MENA

Migration/Refugee Diplomacy in the MENA



It Takes a Rotary Village!

Rotary Members Help:



Promote the program through their networks!

Know someone who would be a great peace fellow? Submit their name and email in our [referral form](#) and they will receive more information.

Recruit local candidates and help them apply.

- Submit a club/district recommendation form within their application.
- Read and score qualified applications.

Mentor and involve candidates

- Meet with potential candidates to learn about their experience and goals.
- Ask them to participate in Rotary activities to learn more about Rotary values and service initiatives.

Connect with peace fellows and alumni

- Find the peace fellows in your area to speak at club meetings and events.
- Work with peace fellows on peacebuilding projects or support their initiatives with district grants.

QUESTIONS