

# Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program



*for short-term certificate studies  
at Chulalongkorn University,  
Bangkok, Thailand*

Program Guide for Rotarians

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## I. Purpose of This Guide

This Program Guide for Rotarians is a reference for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program for short-term certificate studies at Chulalongkorn University. It includes information on the history and goals of the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, selection criteria for program participants, program funding, applicant recruitment, the possibility for fellowships, and program promotion in your community, club, and district. This guide does not pertain to The Rotary Foundation's long-term master's degree program known as the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Prospective applicants are eager to learn more about the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program and to assess its relevance to their career goals and personal development. As interest in the program grows, increasing numbers of prospective applicants will contact local Rotary clubs and districts to start the application process. The success of the program depends on the response of Rotarians to these applicants. Focusing on the unique aspects of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program — especially promotion and selection — this guide outlines strategies for success in finding qualified candidates.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program presents a unique opportunity for all Rotary districts to sponsor individuals in middle- to upper-level positions to further develop their skills in peaceful conflict resolution. Rotary districts and clubs will find this program guide to be a useful tool when working with their Rotary Foundation scholarships and/or international service committees to select candidates for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

## II. Brief History of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Since the inception of the Ambassadorial Scholarships (then "Fellowships") program in 1947, The Rotary Foundation has supported study abroad at the postsecondary education level in order to increase international goodwill and understanding. While some Ambassadorial Scholars have pursued fields of study directly related to international relations, diplomacy, mediation, and negotiation, it was not until the establishment of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution in 2002 that the Foundation offered a study-abroad program to specifically provide international students with coursework focused on peace studies and conflict resolution.

The same year that the first Rotary World Peace Fellow traveled abroad to pursue a two-year master's degree at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, 2002-03 Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Thailand, shared with Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glen Kinross his vision of a short-term peace studies program that would serve as an alternative to the new Rotary Centers for International Studies program. Not only would this second peace studies program attract middle- to upper-level professionals who could arrange to be away from their employment for just a few months, it would also provide a lower cost option to the Foundation. By anchoring this new program at an academic center embedded within a university in Southeast Asia, the program would offer the only intensive peace and conflict studies program for professionals and executives in the English language in the region.

Seen as an enhancement to their existing work to support international peace studies, the Foundation Trustees agreed in February 2005 to establish the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies short-term certificate program as a three-year pilot, with possible programmatic changes and extension after the test period. The Trustees reviewed proposals to host a Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, and selected Chulalongkorn University — Thailand’s oldest university and typically ranked among Asia’s top universities — as the Foundation’s partner for the program’s pilot phase. It was agreed that the first course would start in July 2006.

It is hoped by some Rotarians that once the pilot phase is successfully completed, similar Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Studies will be established in other major cities in Asia and throughout the world.

### III. Purpose of Program

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further world understanding and peace by:

- Inspiring people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skill to do so, in part by generating interaction between practitioners and academics
- Providing advanced international education opportunities for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants chosen from different countries and cultures on the basis of their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions
- Providing a means for The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace

Up to 60 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies participants are accepted annually on a world-competitive basis with up to 30 study slots offered for each term. Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants complete an up-to-three-month certificate program in peace and conflict studies that provides specific opportunities for knowledge acquisition and institutional development in the following areas:

- An understanding of distinctive theoretical content of the field of conflict resolution
- An opportunity to acquire state-of-the-art knowledge about the application of this knowledge appropriate to the needs of the region through practical fieldwork application
- The exploration of obstacles to and development of approaches toward conflict resolution based on detailed knowledge of programs and projects in the region
- Awareness of the mechanisms central to the development of national, regional, and international policy related to conflict resolution
- The development of a peace and conflict studies learning center, or center of excellence, to make Chulalongkorn University the leading institution for both the study and facilitation of conflict resolution in the region
- Development and replication of the Chulalongkorn model to help support the initiation of similar programs and centers at other universities in the region

By following the preceding aims and objectives, participants will improve their understanding of the following aspects of conflict resolution:

- An awareness of how to contribute to the shaping of conflict resolution policy at national, regional, and international levels
- An understanding of skills and methodologies for conflict mapping and analysis of how to apply these analytic methods to fieldwork situations relevant to their areas of concern and responsibility
- Greater familiarity, acquired through case studies, of process skills (such as mediation, negotiation, problem solving, and dialogue) used in conflict resolution and an understanding of how these may be relevant to their work and locales
- An ability to rethink and refashion existing models and practices and contribute to the development of innovative ideas and techniques
- An appreciation of the educational approaches, values, and ideas that underpin the process of peacemaking in order to produce change agents for peace building in appropriate processes of nonviolent social and cultural transformation

Through its unique and diverse interdisciplinary program, the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies provides academic and practical training to prepare graduates of the program for leadership roles in solving the many problems that contribute to conflict around the world.

#### IV. **The Rotary Foundation’s University Partner: Chulalongkorn University**

The Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies was established in partnership with Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Chulalongkorn University was founded in 1917 but can trace its roots back to the Royal Pages School formed in 1871 by King Rama V. The university itself was established by King Rama V and King Rama VI and was endowed with a 212-hectare (523-acre) tract of land by the royal family to both accommodate its infrastructure and generate income to serve the university’s academic needs.

As the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities in Thailand, Chulalongkorn University is uniquely qualified to host the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. In drawing on the experience of its own faculty as well as its vast network of academic contacts, Chulalongkorn University is able to furnish the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program with regional and international experts in the fields of peace and conflict studies. Chulalongkorn University is commonly regarded as one of the leading institutions of higher learning in Asia and has been involved with hosting and sending Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars for many years.

#### V. **How the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Differs from the Rotary Centers for International Studies Program**

Although the focus of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is similar to that of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, the structure of the two programs differs in program length, fellowship availability, strategies for promotion and recruitment, selection criteria and process, and application materials. Understanding the differences between the two programs and their fellowships will help in selecting qualified candidates for this program. Rotarians

are encouraged to read the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program application materials thoroughly to gain a complete understanding of the program’s objectives and requirements.

	<b>Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies</b>	<b>Rotary Centers for International Studies</b>
<b>Duration</b>	Up to 3 months	Up to 2 years
<b>Number of Participants</b>	Two sessions per year of up to 30 each	Class of up to 60 selected annually
<b>Degree</b>	Certificate	U.S. master’s (or the equivalent)
<b>Funding</b>	Some	All
<b>Location</b>	Bangkok, Thailand	6 Rotary Centers in 5 countries
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Rolling	1 July 14-20 months in advance of studies
<b>Candidates per District</b>	Unlimited	One
<b>Language Requirement</b>	English	Two or more languages, including study institution’s language of instruction

## VI. Availability of Study Slots in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Study slots for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program are offered on a world-competitive basis. Each Rotary district and nondistricted club may submit as many candidates as they deem qualified for the program for competition in the worldwide annual selection process for both sessions of the program. All districts are encouraged to recruit qualified applicants for the program and to nominate as many as pass the district interview stage for the world competition.

District-endorsed applications are received by The Rotary Foundation on a rolling basis. Districts should check the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Web page at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp) for updated application deadlines. District eligibility to nominate candidates each year is not dependent on district financial contributions to the Foundation.

## VII. Promoting the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Rotarians should consider a distinct marketing strategy for targeting applicants for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Qualified candidates should demonstrate a commitment to peace and conflict resolution through professional and academic or volunteer experience as well as outstanding leadership abilities. Below is a sample list of areas from which to draw qualified applicants:

- Nongovernmental organizations involved in human rights, disaster relief, aid distribution, environmental advocacy, development, refugee issues, and other issues related to peace and international cooperation
- International organizations and corporations
- Government agencies, such as departments of state, foreign ministries, diplomatic corps, military and law enforcement, or other relevant branches of civil service
- International volunteer agencies
- Mediation, arbitration, and dispute resolution groups

Clubs and districts are also encouraged to promote this program heavily in areas of their districts that are experiencing or have recently experienced conflict. Candidates from conflict regions have great potential for preventing and resolving conflict through study and training at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Districts may want to consider the following ideas for promoting the program to attract qualified candidates:

- Inquire about the possibility of holding informational meetings with the groups listed previously.
- Host a lecture or discussion on a topic relevant to peace or international understanding. Promote this event among the members of the groups listed previously.
- Identify individuals affiliated with the groups listed previously and send them Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program brochures to share with their employees, colleagues, members, or clients. Be sure to include your district's contact information.
- Issue press releases to local/regional publications, college/university newspapers, radio stations, and public-access cable television channels. Press releases should reference the RI Web site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), where interested individuals can find more information. A sample press release is provided in this guide.
- Encourage the organizations and agencies listed previously to add links to the RI Web site on their sites.

## VIII. Expectations for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Alumni

Rotarians are making a significant investment in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Accordingly, there are high expectations for successful graduates of the certificate program in both their career commitments and ongoing involvement with Rotary. For example, program alumni will be expected to maintain contact with The Rotary Foundation throughout their professional careers to advise and assist Rotary International and its member clubs in their efforts to contribute to world understanding and peace. These alumni will also be asked to evaluate and promote the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. The full range of expectations of the program's alumni is clearly outlined in the *Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Application* (091-EN).

## IX. Candidate Selection: Criteria, Process, and Committee Composition

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants are chosen from a wide variety of professional backgrounds based on their ability to make the greatest impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers. When considering applicants' professional achievements, application reviewers should not give preference to a particular industry or area of employment. Reviewers should use the applicants' written statements to determine how their interests and previous experiences relate to the goals of the program. The most-qualified candidates are accepted to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Where feasible, however, the world-competitive selection committee also takes into consideration the candidates' professional, geographic, and cultural backgrounds to achieve a diverse group of participants at the Rotary Center.

### *Selection Criteria and Rules of Eligibility*

- Applicants for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program must hold a bachelor's degree or commensurate experience.
- Applicants must be proficient in English, the language of course instruction.
- Applicants must possess excellent leadership skills.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to international understanding and peace through their professional achievements and personal and community service activities or academic accomplishments.
- Applicants must have at least five years of work experience in the field of conflict resolution.
- Districts may sponsor foreign nationals for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program (including candidates from non-Rotary regions) who have close ties to the sponsor Rotary district.
- Applicants must be committed to completing the entire three-month program and obtaining the corresponding certificate at the end of the program.
- An applicant for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program cannot be a Rotarian; an honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories; a former Rotarian

within 36 months of resignation from Rotary, or his/her relative as described above; an employee of Chulalongkorn University; or a former employee of Chulalongkorn University within 36 months of resignation.

- Rotaract members, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, and former Rotary World Peace Fellows are eligible to apply provided they meet all other eligibility criteria.
- Persons with disabilities are eligible for Rotary Foundation awards and should not be overlooked. With the support of Rotarians in the sponsor and host districts, persons with disabilities have served as successful Foundation program award recipients.

### *Connecting Applicants with Clubs*

Connecting interested applicants with local Rotarians is a crucial part of the application process. To facilitate this connection, The Rotary Foundation will refer applicants to the district Rotary World Peace Fellowships chair or district Rotary Foundation committee chair. When contacted by prospective applicants, the district officer should refer them to the appropriate clubs and inform them of the district's application deadline; in turn, the district officer should alert club leaders that prospective applicants might be contacting them.

If clubs do not have complete and updated information about the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, the district Rotary World Peace Fellowships chair or district Rotary Foundation chair should provide any necessary information and training. This referral system is designed to create a pool of excellent candidates for each annual world competition.

### *Club Selection and Endorsement*

Each Rotary club may endorse as many applicants for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program as it deems qualified. The club selection committee should review the purpose of the program with all applicants and interview them before endorsing applications to be submitted to the district selection committee. If highly qualified applicants are not available to attend in-person interviews, clubs should arrange for alternative means of interview, such as telephone, videoconference, or online interviews via the Internet.

Sponsor Rotarians might arrange for applicants to interview with Rotarians where the applicant currently lives. Rotarians also might consider having such applicants submit video or audio recordings that communicate their reasons for pursuing admission to the program, the relevance of the program to their careers, and other information. Please see the *Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Application* (091-EN) for a copy of the Rotary Club Endorsement form.

Sponsor clubs also should ensure that applicants have completed all application materials and submitted required accompanying documents such as English Language Ability forms and Employer's Information and Recommendation forms.

### *District Selection Committee and Process*

Because of the unique criteria and special focus of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, interviews for these applicants should be held separately from those for Rotary World Peace Fellowships and Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The Rotary Foundation recommends that the committee considering Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program applications include the current district governor, immediate past governor, governor-elect, district Rotary World Peace Fellowships chair or Rotary Foundation committee chair, and three Rotarians or non-Rotarians with expertise in the fields of peace and conflict resolution, education, or civic or business leadership. If possible, the committee should include a member who can assess applicants' English language abilities.

### *Interviewing Candidates: What to Look For*

In nominating candidates for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, the selection committee should consider how potential program participants will further the program's objectives (see section III, Purpose of Program). Committees should assess how applicants have demonstrated a commitment to international understanding and peace, especially through their careers. In addition, districts should assess the applicants' potential to become leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions as demonstrated through previous leadership roles and experience.

The committee should assess the applicants' potential as ambassadors of goodwill. The committee should select candidates with leadership skills who will promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful prevention and resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through their service activities. After completing the applicant screening and interview process, each Rotary district and nondistricted club may select as many candidates for competition at the world level as are deemed qualified.

The district committee must complete the District Committee Interview Report and District Endorsement (found toward the end of the application) for its selected Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program candidate(s). If applicants are living abroad and unavailable for a personal interview, the district selection committee should arrange for an alternate means of interview as discussed in Club Selection and Endorsement in this section. Districts should furnish detailed and thorough responses in the interview report to provide The Rotary Foundation world-competitive selection committee with complete candidate profiles.

### *World-Competitive Selection Process*

The Rotary Foundation must receive the district's endorsed candidates' application materials for the world-competitive selection process at least six weeks before each selection committee meeting. Please refer to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Web page at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp) for updated application deadlines. The application must be complete and include all required accompanying documents such as English Language Ability forms and Employer's Information and Recommendation forms. Incomplete applications cannot be guaranteed full consideration by the world-competitive selection committee.

A Trustee-appointed committee of Rotarians knowledgeable about the program, along with representatives from Chulalongkorn University, will decide which applicants are (a) admitted to the program and (b) receive full or partial fellowships — if any — for each session. Candidates and districts will be notified of selection decisions in February and August of each year.

## X. Application Materials

Application materials for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program can be downloaded from the RI Web site: [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#rpcsp). Alternatively, application forms and brochures may be ordered from RI Publications Order Services (telephone: 847-866-4600; fax: 847-866-3276; e-mail: [pbos@rotary.org](mailto:pbos@rotary.org)) or appropriate RI office. Materials are available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Thai. Updated application forms are available in June of each year.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program application materials include:

- *Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Brochure* (105-EN), which explains program objectives, criteria, eligibility, funding, and application process for applicants, potential sponsor agencies, and Rotary clubs
- *Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Application* (091-EN), to be completed by applicants and their sponsor agencies/employers

## XI. Program Timeline and Deadlines

Districts are responsible for distributing application materials to their clubs. Each district must set its own deadline for clubs to submit endorsed Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program applications to the district for consideration, based on the fact that district-endorsed applications are due to The Rotary Foundation at least six weeks before each selection committee meeting. Please refer to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Web page at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp) for updated application deadlines. The following timeline is recommended for program promotion and selection of candidates.

Session I Applicants	Program Timeline	Session II Applicants
July-August	Districts and clubs promote the program to attract well-qualified candidates.	January-February
September-October	Clubs conduct the interview and selection process and submit their club-endorsed applications to the district in accordance with the district deadline.	March-April
November-December	Districts conduct the interview and selection process for their program candidates. Each district submits qualified candidate applications to RI World Headquarters.	May-June
December	<b>Application Deadline</b>	June
February	The Rotary Foundation's Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee reviews applications and selects applicants accepted to the program and awarded fellowships. Districts and their candidates will be notified of the results of the world-competitive selection process.	August
July-September	Program session at Chulalongkorn University	January-April

## XII. Funding

Funding for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program comes from two sources: The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary districts.

- The Foundation Trustees provide the budget for the Foundation and Chulalongkorn University to administer the program.
- Rotary districts donate from their District Designated Fund to provide full or partial fellowships to a limited number of participants whose employers are unable to financially sponsor their participation in the program.

## XIII. Orientation for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Participants

Each Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant has a Rotarian sponsor counselor and Rotary club that serve as an integral link between the participant and the sponsor district and as a resource before, during, and after the program. The sponsor counselor provides support and one-on-one counseling about Rotary to the participant.

Program participants must receive appropriate orientation in both their sponsor and host districts to ensure that they understand the mission of The Rotary Foundation, their role in supporting Rotary's mission, and their responsibilities as alumni. Rotarian involvement in orientation seminars is critical to effectively preparing program participants and making them feel an important part of Rotary's work for international understanding. An additional day is factored into the start date of each program session to provide the opportunity for Rotarians in Bangkok to host an inbound orientation event before registration and the start of the course.

## XIV. Hosting Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Participants

Rotarian hosting is crucial to the success of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. A Rotarian host counselor and host Rotary club serve as the primary contact for each program participant, providing support and one-on-one counseling about Rotary, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, and Thailand. The host counselor also serves as the link between the participant and local Rotary club and district activities, and is responsible for coordinating speaking engagements and other Rotarian requests involving the participant.

Soon after the arrival of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants, an orientation session is conducted at the Rotary Thailand office in Bangkok with the participation of host area Rotarians and host counselors. This orientation session is designed to help forge personal and lasting relationships between the program participants and Rotarians. The host district will also appoint an official host Rotary club for each participant so that the entire club has a sense of "ownership" of the participant and to enhance the participant's relationship with many Rotarians in the host community.

## XV. Alumni Relations

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants are expected to maintain an association with Rotary throughout their careers. Sponsor and host Rotarians are key to developing a strong relationship that will continue and deepen over time. Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumni will help evaluate the program, promote it to potential candidates, and participate in other seminars and events. The Rotary Foundation will track the careers of these alumni to assess the impact of the program on international relations and world peace.

## XVI. Additional Resources

The RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp) is an excellent source of information on the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Both Rotarians and applicants are encouraged to visit the Web site for additional information on the program.

Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) are knowledgeable Rotarians who serve as Foundation resources for district leadership. Rotarians are encouraged to use RRFCs to guide districts in Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program promotion and selection efforts. The contact information for RRFCs may be found in the RI *Official Directory* or on the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/newsroom/training/index.html#rrfc](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/training/index.html#rrfc).

Please direct any questions not answered in this guide, application, brochure, or on the RI Web site to Jenn Weidman, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Coordinator, at telephone: 847-866-3374; fax: 847-866-0934; or e-mail: [jennifer.weidman@rotary.org](mailto:jennifer.weidman@rotary.org).

## XVII. Sample Press Release

The press release is a basic tool for communicating information about study-abroad opportunities. The following is a suggested press release about application availability. The release should be modified according to your culture and media standards.



(Club Logo)

# ROTARY

Club Name | Address | City, State/Province, Postal Code COUNTRY

## News Release

**Contact:** (Name)  
(Telephone; Fax)  
(E-mail)

*For Immediate Release*

### **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Now Accepting Applications**

(City) (Date) — The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is currently accepting applications for its short-term Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program housed at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, the country’s oldest university.

Applications are available from the Rotary Club of (name) or the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp).

As part of The Rotary Foundation’s mission to encourage world understanding and peace, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide professionals from around the world the valuable opportunity to gain knowledge in conflict resolution and mediation training to become better equipped to help prevent and resolve conflict, as well as foster policies and create settings that ensure peace. Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private corporations. The intensive three-month course will offer studies in peace, conflict resolution, and mediation training and will accept up to 30 program participants per session for two sessions per year.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program hosts a universal group of experts encompassing seasoned faculty members from Chulalongkorn University and visiting lecturers from leading institutions worldwide. Each session involves both academic learning and practical field training.

Each program participant’s employer is asked to cover the US\$5,000 cost of the three-month session, including tuition, room and board, educational materials, insurance, and other expenses. The Rotary Foundation will provide funding for round-trip travel for program participants living outside of Bangkok, as well as a limited number of full and partial fellowships to allow individuals from low-income countries to participate.

For more information and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies application materials, please contact your local Rotary club or go to the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp).

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## XVIII. Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where can I find information about the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Fellowships on the Internet?**

On the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp).

### **Where can I get application forms for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program?**

A limited number of application forms are mailed to all Rotary districts each year.

Applications are also available by download from the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#rpcsp](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html#rpcsp) or from RI

Publications Order Services (telephone: 847-866-4600; fax: 847-866-3276; e-mail:

[pbos@rotary.org](mailto:pbos@rotary.org)) or appropriate RI international office.

### **Are Rotarians and their relatives eligible to apply for this program?**

No. However, nonlinear descendants may be eligible (e.g., sibling, uncle). See page 6 for complete eligibility requirements.

### **Is there a limit as to how many Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program applications my club or district may endorse?**

No. A club may endorse any number of qualified applicants for competition at the district level. Each district and nondistricted club may then also select any number of qualified applicants for the world competition.

### **Citizens of foreign countries and non-Rotary countries have approached the club/district about application to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Are we allowed to sponsor these candidates for the program?**

Yes.

### **I am interested in having a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant speak at my upcoming district conference or other Rotary event. How can I get in contact with these participants?**

Contact Jenn Weidman, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Coordinator, at [jennifer.weidman@rotary.org](mailto:jennifer.weidman@rotary.org). Please refer to the RI Web site for participant profiles.

New classes of participants will be added to the Web site in May and December of each year.

### **When is the application deadline?**

Districts set their own application deadlines. However, districts must submit their candidate applications to The Rotary Foundation at least six weeks before each selection committee meeting. Districts should refer to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Web page for updated application deadlines. Districts should set a deadline for club submissions that allows sufficient time to screen applications and conduct interviews to make the deadline for the world-level competition.

### **Who funds the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program?**

Program administration is funded through a budget approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. A limited number of full or partial fellowships are funded through District Designated Fund donations by districts around the world.

**What happens to the portion of the District Designated Fund my district donates if the candidate(s) we nominate are not one of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies participants accepted to the program and offered a fellowship?**

Not all district-endorsed candidates will be accepted to the program and offered full or partial fellowships. Such admissions decisions are not necessarily based solely on the applicant's qualifications, but may have to do with the limited number of study slots per session and the limited amount of funding to meet requests for full or partial fellowships.

The donated District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations will support the participants accepted to the program on a world-competitive basis and awarded fellowships. Therefore, DDF allocations made by a district are not connected to a specific candidate. For that reason, the DDF does not revert back to the district if the candidate(s) it endorsed is not subsequently selected.

**How was The Rotary Foundation's university partner selected?**

The Foundation selected Chulalongkorn University to host the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies based on:

- The university's outstanding academic reputation and access to leading experts in the field of the peace and conflict resolution
- The university's location in a capital city in Southeast Asia
- The university's ability to broaden the scope of potential participants by offering courses taught in English
- The reasonable cost of establishing the new Rotary Center
- The university's flexibility in hosting the new Rotary Center
- The strength of Rotary in Thailand

**Can a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar or Rotary World Peace Fellow apply to the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program?**

Yes.

**Can an individual apply for the Ambassadorial Scholarships Program, Rotary Centers for International Studies Program, and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the same time?**

No.



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