

Fully Funded 'Peace Fellow' Scholarship Available From Rotary International

The Rotary Clubs of Abington at Edge Hill, Cheltenham-Rockledge, Conshohocken-Plymouth-Whitemarsh, Elkins Park, Glenside, and Jenkintown are seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at prestigious Rotary Centers around the world. Participants selected for the MA program would have access to 2 years of Rotary-funded graduate study towards a MA degree at either International Christian University (Tokyo, Japan); Universidad del Salvador (Buenos Aires, Argentina), University of Bradford (West Yorkshire, UK) or University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia) where study would concentrate on the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation. A three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand) is also available for those already working in the field of peace and conflict studies.

Both programs require, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate. Candidates must be permanent residents of Rotary District 7450 in the geographic areas of the Rotary Clubs listed above which would serve as the sponsoring Club. The application deadline is 1 July 2010 with additional information available from Assistant Governor John F. Washington Jr. at johnfw@publicsafety.upenn.edu