

Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

The Rotary Foundation is currently the world's largest, private sponsor of university-level international scholarships.



ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Awarded to higher education faculty to teach at universities or colleges of their choice in low-income countries

US\$12,500 awarded for 3-5 months or US\$22,500 for 6-10 months of service

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

US\$23,000 awarded for one academic year of study abroad

Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

US\$11,500 per year awarded for two years of specific degree-oriented study abroad

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships

US\$10,000 awarded for three months or US\$15,000 awarded for six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion abroad



- Support approximately 800 students studying abroad annually
- Introduce scholars and teachers to the cultures of over 70 different countries
- Send scholars and teachers from almost 70 different countries
- Have created a worldwide network of over 37,000 alumni
- Have empowered students and teachers to improve international understanding for over half a century

Contact the Rotary club in your area for application materials and deadlines.

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International education programs for ambassadors of goodwill



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AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS — AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the vision of The Rotary Foundation to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by:

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home communities and countries
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Encouraging Rotarians worldwide to increase the educational opportunities for scholars from low-income countries
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

ROTARIAN COUNSELORS

A unique benefit of Rotary Scholarships is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned a sponsor and host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation and advice in preparing for and completing a successful study period in another country.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Applicants must initially apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The following persons are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship:

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), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of any living person in the foregoing categories.

ACADEMIC-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for one regular academic year (usually nine months) of full-time study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Because the scholarship is limited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees or diplomas during the study period. The scholarship may also be used for vocational training. Since candidates are expected to be proficient in the language of the host country, generally this scholarship is not appropriate for study of a foreign language.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Academic-Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of US\$23,000. Funding is intended to defray costs associated with round-trip transportation, one month of intensive language training (if assigned by the Foundation), required fees for a normal course load, reasonable room and board, and some educational supplies. The Foundation will not pay additional costs resulting from personal living preferences. Refer to the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the award amount for a specific program year. Applicants who request and are assigned to an institution where costs exceed the flat grant amount must pay all additional costs.

MULTI-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for two years of full-time degree-oriented study at an institution assigned by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The scholarship may be used for almost any field of study, as long as the scholar is enrolled in a specific university degree program and takes course work that relates directly to the completion of one degree.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Multi-Year Scholarship provides a flat grant of US\$11,500 or its equivalent for each year. Refer to the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the award amount for a specific program year. Funding is intended to help supplement the costs of pursuing one degree at one study institution. Expenses beyond the amount provided are the scholar's responsibility.

CULTURAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The three-month scholarship is most appropriate for studying a foreign language in which the applicant may already be somewhat proficient. The six-month scholarship is more appropriate for studying a language that presents a challenge to the applicant. Applicants are expected to have completed at least one year of college-level course work or equivalent of the proposed language of study.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Cultural Scholarship provides a flat grant of US\$10,000 for a three-month scholarship and \$15,000 for a six-month scholarship.

Funding is intended to defray costs associated with round-trip transportation, tuition and fees for language training, and homestay expenses. Scholars will stay with local families when possible. Funding will not exceed the flat grant amount. Refer to the RI Web site, www.rotary.org, to confirm the award amount for a specific program year.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Refer to The Rotary Foundation *Ambassadorial Scholarships Application* (139-EN) or RI Web site, www.rotary.org, for the terms of the scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The availability of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is determined by each Rotary district and varies from year to year. Some districts may not offer scholarships or may offer only one type of scholarship. Applicants must contact a local Rotary club to: 1) determine if funding for the desired scholarship is available; 2) inquire about local application deadlines; and 3) obtain application materials. Applications may also be obtained directly from the Foundation or RI Web site at www.rotary.org if the applicant has confirmed scholarship availability with the local Rotary club.

Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and district-endorsed applications will be forwarded to the Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. The Foundation directly notifies all candidates of approved scholarships and assignments. Applications sent directly to the Foundation without club and district endorsements will not be considered.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

The Rotary Foundation's Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries provides study abroad opportunities to individuals from low-income countries. Even if a Rotary district has not allocated funding to sponsor scholarships, Rotary districts located in low-income countries as well as each low-income country within a district are eligible to submit one application to compete for one of up to 32 Ambassadorial Scholarships awarded worldwide each year through this fund pool. Application must be made through a local Rotary club. Applicants can apply for an Academic-Year or Cultural Scholarship. If there are questions about this fund pool, please contact The Rotary Foundation.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March or as late as August of the year preceding study abroad. For example, an applicant interested in studying abroad starting after 1 July 2008 but before 30 June 2009 should submit an application to a local club between March and August 2007. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will normally be notified of their study institution assignments by 15 December of the same year they apply.

ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

The objectives of the Rotary Grants for University Teachers program are to:

- Build understanding while strengthening higher education in low-income countries
- Promote the exchange of teaching methods and ideas between teachers at grant recipients' home and host institutions
- Advance development in low-income countries through sponsoring educators to teach subjects of practical benefit to the host country

The program blends two of The Rotary Foundation's most important emphases: education and volunteer service. Teachers are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of their host and home countries through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts. At the conclusion of the teaching period, grant recipients share their experiences with the people of their home countries and with the local Rotarians who sponsored their award.

Local Rotary districts may elect to award a grant of US\$12,500 for 3-5 months of service or a grant of \$22,500 for 6-10 months of service. Grants are awarded to higher education faculty to teach in low-income countries (other than their own). Low-income countries are defined as having a per capita GNP of \$6,200 or less. A list of these countries is posted on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must hold (or if retired, have held) a full-time college or university appointment for three or more years, but need not hold (or have held) a specific rank.
- The subject(s) taught must have practical use to the host country.
- The applicant's home and host countries must contain at least one Rotary club.
- The proposed host institution must be located in a low-income country.
- Applicants must be proficient in the language of their prospective host country.
- Applicants may be either Rotarians or non-Rotarians.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

- Grant recipients are responsible for making all arrangements with the host institution, both before and during the grant year, and for securing extended absence from their home institution.
- Generally, recipients are expected to begin their service terms between 1 July and 30 June of the academic year for which they are applying.

- Recipients are expected to teach at one institution for at least the minimum duration of the grant awarded. While recipients may engage in research, at least half of the recipient's working hours at the host institution must be spent in teaching-related activities.

- Recipients are required to submit written reports to The Rotary Foundation at the end of their service term. Recipients of 6- to 10-month grants are also required to submit an interim report.

- The grant may be used at the discretion of the recipient for living expenses, transportation to and from the host country, teaching and research costs, and miscellaneous ambassadorial expenses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The availability of Rotary Grants for University Teachers is determined by each Rotary district based on available funding and varies from year to year. Before applying, applicants must contact their local Rotary club or district to confirm whether Rotary Grants for University Teachers will be offered and to determine application deadlines.

Application must be made through a local Rotary club in the area of the applicant's legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time employment. Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level. District-endorsed applications will then be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation for Trustee approval.

In addition to the application form, applicants must submit:

- Current curriculum vitae
- A written statement, no more than two pages in length, explaining the applicant's specific plans to serve as a Rotary Foundation ambassador of goodwill by teaching abroad and how his or her teaching field will contribute to the socioeconomic development of the host country
- Two letters of recommendation from qualified academic persons, evaluating the applicant's teaching and scholarly qualifications
- Copies of any correspondence with the intended host institution
- Summary of training and experience in language of host country (if not applicant's native language)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district's deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March or as late as August of the year immediately preceding the teaching term abroad. For example, a recipient intending to teach abroad sometime after 1 July 2008 but before 30 June 2009 would need to apply in 2007. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will be notified by 15 December of the same year they apply.