

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program
For Professional Development

Strengthening Today's Leaders to Build Peace

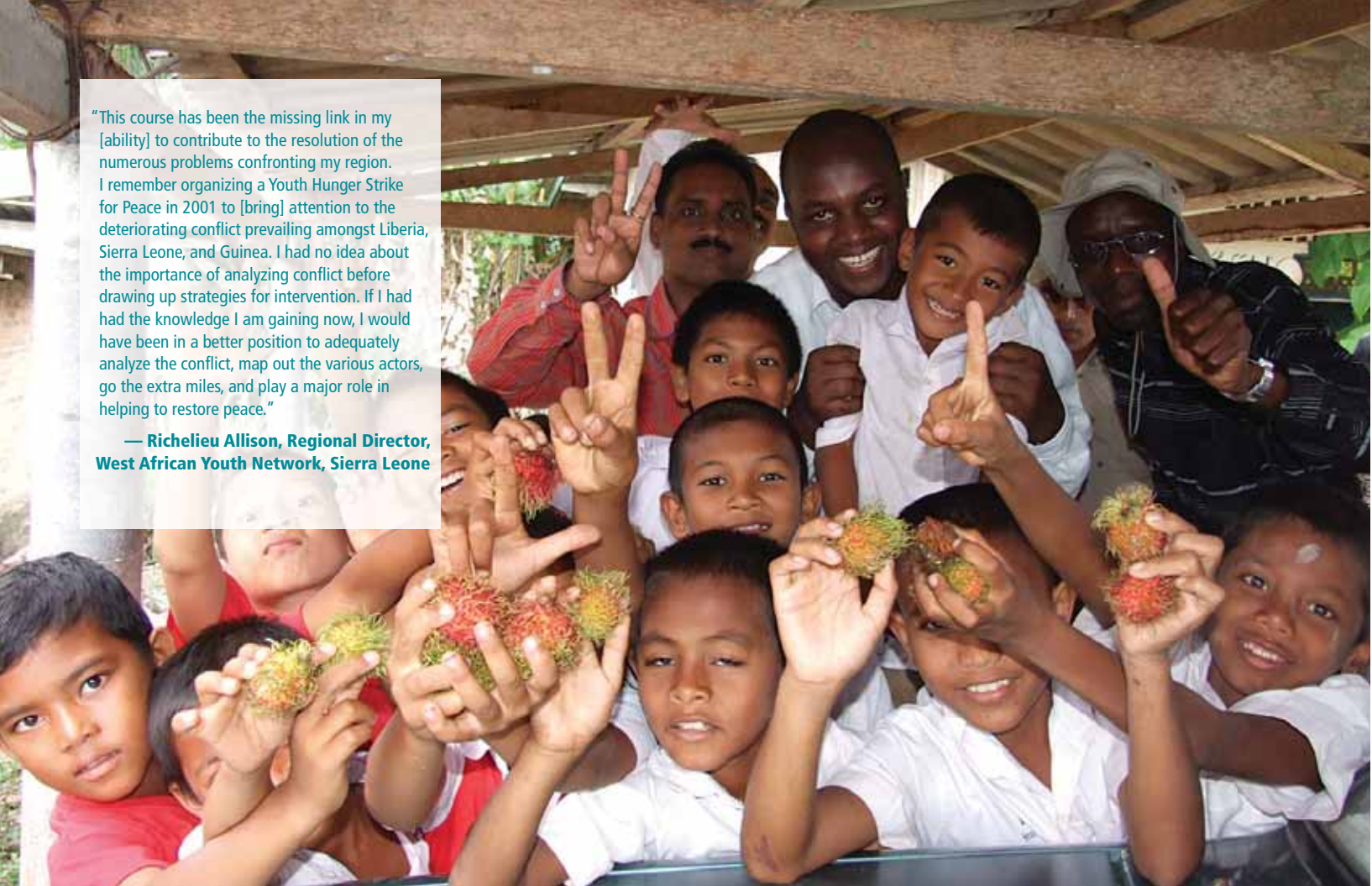


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Chulalongkorn University



"This course has been the missing link in my [ability] to contribute to the resolution of the numerous problems confronting my region. I remember organizing a Youth Hunger Strike for Peace in 2001 to [bring] attention to the deteriorating conflict prevailing amongst Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. I had no idea about the importance of analyzing conflict before drawing up strategies for intervention. If I had had the knowledge I am gaining now, I would have been in a better position to adequately analyze the conflict, map out the various actors, go the extra miles, and play a major role in helping to restore peace."

— **Richelieu Allison, Regional Director,
West African Youth Network, Sierra Leone**



Overview

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program offers a rare professional development opportunity for midcareer professionals in fields related to conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Up to 30 participants from around the world participate in an intensive three-month course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Led by experts in the field, the program balances theoretical and practical learning while capitalizing on the diverse experiences of both lecturers and participants.

Ideal for busy professionals, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program's customized curriculum helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently employed fulltime in a mid- to upper-level position in conflict negotiation, peacebuilding, or a related field
- Have at least five years of work experience
- Be proficient in English
- Hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent

Location

Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, is the host for the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. The oldest university in Thailand and ranked one of the top universities in Asia, it sits on 212 hectares (523 acres) of land in the heart of central Bangkok, surrounded by historical sites and modern cultural points of interest. The university was founded

in 1917 by H.M. King Vajiravudh and was named Chulalongkorn in honor of King Rama V, who established a nationwide education system open to all citizens.

Alumni

Program alumni work in a variety of key positions for governments, UN agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. Their efforts to resolve conflict and build and maintain peace prove daily the lasting value of their program experiences. Graduates of the program also enjoy the support of a growing worldwide network of fellow alumni committed to building peace.





Curriculum

Designed and taught by specialists from around the world, the intensive curriculum enables program participants to identify and understand the causes of conflict at the local, regional, and international levels. The coursework is designed to foster participants' skills in conflict prevention and resolution, with a focus on effecting change and maintaining peace. The theoretical components of the program curriculum address the following four themes, each with a set of related subtopics. Case and field studies embedded within the curriculum provide valuable practical application of classroom discussions.

Module I: The Concepts and Values of Peace and Conflict Studies

Topics include:

- Conflict resolution: the state of the art
- Nature, types, and root causes of conflict
- Global overview of conflict situations

Module II: The Diagnosis and Analysis of Conflict

Topics include:

- Conflict mapping
- Conflict impact assessment
- Resource-based conflict

Module III: Conflict Resolution Skills, Approaches, and Strategies

Topics include:

- Hot-spot mapping
- Civil society and conflict resolution

"Having begun this program with very little knowledge of what Rotary stood for, I leave with a deep appreciation of the commitment and dedication of its members. We should all have as a mission the disassembling of war in its physical and, most importantly, its psychological form. This training, in my view, is a step toward learning how to do this."

— **Zelie Pollon, Conflict Journalist, USA**

"We have built up a network to utilize whenever needed. My challenge is to apply the learning outcome of this programme in Sri Lanka for the purpose of achieving a long-lasting peace."

— **Raveendra Pathiranage, Senior State Counsel for the Attorney General of Sri Lanka and Legal Consultant for the Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka**

- Peace processes
- Communication for conflict management
- Communication during conflict
- Negotiation
- Mediation
- Cross-cultural conflict resolution
- Women in peacebuilding
- Media in peacebuilding
- Foreign involvement in civil conflict
- The role of the military in engaging civil society for peacemaking

Module IV: Conflict Transformation and Building a Sustainable Peace

Topics include:

- The moral component of peacebuilding
- Gender and peacebuilding



- Do no harm and peacebuilding
- Peace education and peacebuilding: sustaining a culture of peace
- Cultural dimensions of conflict transformation
- Post-armed-conflict resolution
- Religion, peace, and conflict: interfaith and intrafaith dialogue
- Policymaking as a tool for peacebuilding
- Reconciliation, memory, and forgiveness
- Capacity and network building



Program Schedule

Session I: Early July – mid-September; application deadline: 1 December

Session II: Mid-January – mid-April; application deadline: 1 July

Program Cost

Costs for tuition, room and board (housing option only), educational materials, insurance, field study costs, and other expenses are:

Housing option: THB200,000

No housing option: THB104,000

Note: Round-trip transportation to Bangkok is provided by The Rotary Foundation. Program cost is paid directly to the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

"My purpose for attending the class was to deepen my knowledge of conflict resolution, as well as improve my mediation, facilitation, and conflict resolution training skills. I also wanted to increase my knowledge of peace processes so I could better understand conflicts in the world and how they might be resolved. The program fulfilled all of those expectations and more."

— **Lynne Favinger, Executive Director,**
Central Mediation Center, USA

Program Funding

In view of the benefits derived from employing highly trained professionals, participants' employers are asked to cover as much of the program cost as possible. Fellowships are available from The Rotary Foundation for individuals whose employers are unable to pay the full cost. All applicants not fully funded by their employers are automatically considered for a fellowship. There is no scenario by which an applicant would be selected for the program and not awarded fellowship funds if needed.

The program also seeks fellowship sponsor partnerships from organizations committed to building peace. The cost of sponsoring a single fellowship represents a rather modest investment, but one that can yield spectacular results when participants from conflict areas return home better prepared to work for peace.

Application Process

Step 1 Clubs



Applications submitted to local Rotary clubs

Step 2 Districts



Club-endorsed applications sent to Rotary districts

Step 3 The Rotary Foundation



District-endorsed applications sent to The Rotary Foundation for processing

Step 4 Committee



Participants selected in a world-competitive process by the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee



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The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

In addition to the three-month certificate program, The Rotary Foundation offers a one- to two-year master's degree program in peace studies, conflict resolution, and related fields through the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. The six Rotary Centers university partners are: University of California, Berkeley, California, USA; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA; International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; and Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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