

ROTARY GRANTS for UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

David Green, District Governor (2009-2010) of Rotary District 7210, has announced that Rotary District 7210 is participating in Rotary International's "Rotary Grants for University Teachers". The grants are funded through the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is currently the world's largest, private sponsor of university level international scholarships.

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 recipient's 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 understanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of their host and home countries through appearances at Rotary clubs and districts. At the conclusion of the teaching period, grant recipients share their experiences with the people of their home country and with the local Rotarians who sponsored their award.

District 7210 will award a grant of US \$14,000 for 3-5 months of service for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 home country
- Applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club
- Applicants must apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their legal or permanent address, or place of full time employment
- 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

The Grant will be granted to an individual who intends to teach in a low-income country during the 2010-2011 school year.

The Rotary Clubs in District 7210 should be contacting local higher education institutions. In addition, Rotary Clubs should attempt to get local media to publicize this opportunity

Before applying , applicants must contact their local Rotary club or District for more information.

Application must be made through a local Rotary club in the area of the applicant's legal residence or place of employment. Club sponsored candidates will compete at the District level. District endorsed applicants 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 2 pages in length explaining the applicant's 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 relevant correspondence with the intended host institution

Summary of training and experience in language of host country (if not applicant's native language)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applicants should apply directly to a local Rotary Club. Applications to a local District 7210 Rotary Club are due on or before June 1, 2009. District interviews will be completed by August 1, 2009. Applicants approved by the Rotary Foundation will be notified by December 15, 2009.

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Detailed information is available at www.rotary.org