

2001-02 Rotary Grants for University Teachers



"This service term has been one of the most important and rewarding activities of my life."

*Bruce C. Anderson,
Grant recipient, Canada — Trinidad*

"This program enabled me to share some precious moments of my life with my Jamaican friends."

*Srilata Bhattacharyya,
Grant recipient, India — Jamaica*

Awarded to:

- ◆ Higher education faculty to teach at universities or colleges of their choice in developing countries.

Types of Grants:

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



"Rotary enables ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results."

*Leslye A. Korvola,
Grant recipient, USA — Russia*

Qualified Applicants:

- ◆ Must hold (or if retired, have held) a full-time college or university level position for three or more years.
- ◆ Must teach in a field of practical use to the host country.



CONTACT THE ROTARY CLUB OR DISTRICT IN YOUR AREA TO INQUIRE ABOUT GRANT AVAILABILITY AND DEADLINES.

The Program

The purpose of the Rotary Grants for University Teachers program is to promote international understanding and development through advanced education in developing countries. The program also aims to establish ties between educational institutions, leading to the exchange of ideas and information across the globe. It blends two of The Rotary Foundation's most important emphases: education and volunteer service. During the service period, teachers are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of both their host and home countries through informal and formal 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 award a grant of US\$22,500 for 6-10 months of service. A total of 47 grants were awarded worldwide for 1999-2000. Grants are awarded to higher education faculty to teach in low-income countries (other than their own). Low-income countries are currently defined as countries with a per capita GNP of US\$6,210 or less. A list of these countries may be obtained from your local Rotary district or directly from The Rotary Foundation. The list is also posted on the Rotary International web site.

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.
- Awards are not restricted by gender, age, or marital status.

Responsibilities of Rotary Foundation 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 of 2001-02 awards are expected to begin their service terms after 1 July 2001 and before 1 July 2002. The grant may not be deferred to a later date.
- 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 and teaching-related activities.
- Recipients are required to submit written reports to The Rotary Foundation at the end of their service term. Recipients of 6-10 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 University Teacher grants 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 Grants for University Teachers will be offered and to determine application deadlines.

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

"With the Foundation's assistance I have planted good ideas and they have fallen on receptive minds."

*I. Job Thomas,
Grant recipient, USA — India*

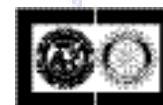
What is Rotary?

Rotary is an international association of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. With 1.2 million members and 29,000 clubs, Rotarians initiate community projects that focus on the most serious issues confronting people around the world: violence, drug abuse, AIDS, hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and the eradication of polio.

In addition to the attached application form, applicants must submit:

- Current curriculum vitae.
- A written statement, no more than two pages in length, explaining your specific plans to serve as a Rotary ambassador of goodwill by teaching abroad and how your teaching field will contribute to the socio-economic development of the host country.
- Two letters of recommendation from qualified academic persons, evaluating your teaching and scholarly qualifications.
- Copies of any correspondence with the intended host institution.

Application deadlines are set by individual Rotary clubs in accordance with the district's deadline. Club deadlines may be as early as March 2000 or as late as August 2000. Applicants approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees will be notified by 15 December 2000.



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<http://www.rotary.org>

I hereby apply for a Rotary Grant for University Teachers for a 3-5 month 6-10 month service period. I certify that the information on this form and the accompanying papers is accurate. If awarded this grant, I intend to teach in accordance with the plans outlined. I understand that The Rotary Foundation reserves the right to discontinue payments at any time, and may require the recipient to reimburse the Foundation for all grant funds previously transmitted to the recipient if, in the judgment of The Rotary Foundation, the recipient is not fulfilling or has not fulfilled the terms of the agreement.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Be sure to attach with your application form: 1) Curriculum vitae; 2) Statement of intent; 3) Two letters of recommendation; 4) Copies of any correspondence with the host institution. *Applications submitted without these documents will be considered incomplete.*

APPLICANT SHOULD NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

CLUB ENDORSEMENT

The endorsing Rotary club must submit application materials to the district Scholarships subcommittee in accordance with the district deadline.

Each recipient of a University Teacher grant should be appointed a sponsor Rotarian advisor. The sponsor advisor is a knowledgeable Rotarian who serves as a resource and mentor to the teacher before, during and after the grant period.

The club president has asked the Rotarian listed below to be the sponsor advisor for the applicant should he or she receive a grant, and recommends this Rotarian to the district governor:

Sponsor Advisor _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Business _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Rotary Club _____

Club President (print name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT

The following **interview report** is to be completed by the district Scholarships subcommittee:

Rotary District _____ Total number of applications received by the district _____

Date of interview _____ Length of interview _____

Committee impressions _____

District Scholarships Subcommittee Chair (print name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

District Governor (print name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The district Scholarships subcommittee is requested to make a photocopy of this application for its records before forwarding the application to The Rotary Foundation. All district-endorsed applications must be received by The Rotary Foundation no later than 1 October 2000.