Rotary

PACKAGED GRANT: SCHOLARSHIP FOR WATER AND SANITATION PROFESSIONALS

APPLICATION TOOL KIT

The strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education aims to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis by increasing the number of trained professionals to devise, plan, and implement solutions in developing and emerging countries. Through this partnership, a limited number of scholarships will be awarded annually for graduate students at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. These scholarships have been designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and highly skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

ABOUT ROTARY

Rotary is an international organization of business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. In 34,000 Rotary clubs, 1.2 million members known as Rotarians volunteer their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international service projects. Find out more at www.rotary.org.

ABOUT ROTARY SCHOLARS

Recipients of this scholarship will benefit from the support they receive through regular contact with sponsoring Rotarians from their home country and the opportunity to interact with Rotarians in the Netherlands. Rotary alumni are part of an extensive network of fellow Rotary scholarship recipients and Rotarians worldwide. Becoming involved with a local Rotary club and the alumni association allows scholars to stay connected to Rotary's global community and resources.

SCHOLAR MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Rotary seeks scholars who put service above self and wish to use their expertise to improve the lives of others in their own communities and around the world. If you receive this scholarship you will be expected to maintain good academic performance and participate in the following activities:

- Provide a monthly update on educational program and cultural experiences to Rotarian sponsors in your home country.
- Give at least one presentation at a Rotary club or district event in the Netherlands.
- Give at least one presentation at a Rotary district conference in your home country.
- After returning to your country, work with Rotarian sponsors on an activity to make a positive impact on water and sanitation in your home community.

Note: You are not an eligible candidate for this scholarship if you are currently a Rotarian, a spouse or lineal descendant of a Rotarian, or an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the terms and conditions for this scholarship.
2. Obtain admission to a Delft-based specialization in one of the following UNESCO-IHE MSc programs *(joint programs are not eligible)*:

   MSc in Urban Water and Sanitation

   MSc in Water Management

   MSc in Water Science and Engineering
3. Use Club Finder on the RI website to find the Rotary club(s)/district nearest to where you live/work.
4. Choose the Rotary club(s)/district to which you will send your application.

Note: You must submit your application through the Rotary club(s)/district. Applications submitted directly to TRF by scholarship candidates will not be considered.

5. Contact the Rotarians directly and request to attend one of their club meetings. Because this is a new type of Rotary Foundation scholarship, some Rotarians may not be familiar with it. If this is the case, it is your task to inform them of Rotary's strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE and spur their interest in acting as your scholarship sponsor. Key information to highlight:
   - UNESCO-IHE is the largest water education facility in the world, and the only institution in the UN system authorized to confer accredited MSc degrees.
   - As a highly skilled professional, you will be a valuable resource to the club/district for potential service projects involving water and sanitation.
   - The scholarship is fully funded by the Foundation and UNESCO-IHE; the club's time and resources can be used to support the water and sanitation activity you will plan together in your community.
6. Complete the scholar application form included in this tool kit and submit it to your local Rotary club(s)/district, along with the following items:
   - Copy of your **current résumé or curriculum vitae**
   - Copy of your **admittance letter from UNESCO-IHE**
7. If the Rotarians wish to sponsor your scholarship, ask them to complete the application online and to email any questions they have to Rotary Foundation Grants staff at grants@rotary.org.
   - Completed applications must be submitted by sponsor Rotarians and received by The Rotary Foundation no later than **15 May** of the year in which studies begin.
   - Scholars are selected in a competitive process. Candidates are chosen based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on global water and sanitation issues during their career. Successful applicants will have a strong academic background, significant and relevant professional experience, and demonstrated leadership in the community.

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SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Applications must be completed electronically or typed, not handwritten.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Permanent address: _____
Number and Street

_____
City State/Province Country Postal Code

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Country of citizenship: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street

_____
City State/Province Country Postal Code

Email: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Country of citizenship: _____

PROGRAM DETAILS

Name of Institution: UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

Master of Science program in: ☐ Urban Water and Sanitation ☐ Water Management
☐ Water Science and Engineering

Program start date: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Note: Text boxes do not expand. Attach additional pages as needed.

Please answer all questions (100-300 words per question).

1. Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. In what ways have you served your community in the past, and in what ways do you currently serve your community?

2. What are the most pressing water and sanitation issues in your community? How will your academic program and future career help you to address these issues?

3. Once you have completed the UNESCO-IHE program, how might you work with Rotarians to address water and sanitation issues in your community?

AGREEMENT

Should it be offered, I accept the scholarship granted by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for study during the predetermined academic year(s) at UNESCO-IHE. I acknowledge that TRF may agree to provide me a scholarship as described in the terms and conditions document. In accepting this scholarship, I confirm and agree to the following:

1. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for this scholarship and will adhere to all policies therein.
2. I am not: (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; (3) the spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or stepchild, legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the foregoing two categories.
3. My scholarship is provided for direct enrollment at UNESCO-IHE, and my award funding is intended to defray my expenses only during my scholarship period as approved by TRF. No other person's expenses, either directly or indirectly, will be covered by my award funding.
4. I will participate in and complete the required activities as outlined in this application and in the terms and conditions for this scholarship.
5. I cannot defer or postpone studies once the scholarship study period has begun.
6. The duration of this scholarship is for consecutive terms within the approved scholarship period at UNESCO-IHE.
7. This scholarship is only for a Delft-based specialty in MSc in Urban Water and Sanitation, MSc in Water Management, or MSc in Water Science and Engineering at UNESCO-IHE.
8. I will keep my sponsoring club and TRF advised of my current mailing address, phone number, and email address before and during my study period.
9. I will submit a progress report to UNESCO-IHE within 12 months of the beginning of my academic program and will work with my Rotarian sponsors to submit a final report within 24 months of the beginning of my academic program.
10. I will exercise good judgment in expressing opinions regarding controversial, political, racial, or religious issues. In addition, I will abide by the laws of the Netherlands.
11. I meet the medical requirements for international travel and all activities during the scholarship period.
12. I will not engage in dangerous activities for the entirety of the scholarship period. Further, I understand and agree to the following:
    a. I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in and traveling to and from scholarship activities.
    b. While participating in this scholarship, I may be involved in some dangerous activity including exposure to disease, injury, sickness, inadequate and unsafe public infrastructure, unsafe transportation, hazardous work conditions, strenuous physical activity, inclement weather, political unrest, cultural misunderstandings, issues resulting from noncompliance with local laws, physical injury or harm, and crime and fraud. I understand these risks and assume all risks involved with this scholarship.
    c. If I, because of serious illness or injury, am unable to complete the terms of this agreement and must withdraw from the program, Rotary International (RI)/TRF shall not assume any additional costs, including the cost of any medical care or treatment, now or in the future.
    d. I am solely responsible for any and all costs and damages for any illness, injury, or other loss (including loss of consortium and emotional loss) incurred or suffered participating in, traveling to or from scholarship activity, or otherwise related to the provision of the scholarship.
13. I agree to refrain from engaging in dangerous activities that could unnecessarily endanger or threaten the health, safety, or well-being of myself or other participants. Such activities would include, but not be limited to, skydiving, bungee jumping, extreme sports, and operating heavy

machinery. I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in, and traveling in relation to, this scholarship.

14. I release RI and TRF, including their directors, trustees, officers, committees, employees, agents, associate foundations, and representatives (collectively "RI/TRF"), from any liability, responsibility, and obligation, either financial or otherwise, beyond providing this scholarship, and I am responsible for all costs not covered by the scholarship. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless RI/TRF from and against all claims (including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury or property damage), demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, fines, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, and judgments asserted against or recovered from RI/TRF arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, unlawful acts, or violations of any of the terms and conditions that apply to this scholarship. The foregoing includes, without limitation, injury or damage to the person or property of RI/TRF or any third party, whether or not subject to any policy of insurance.
15. All matters concerning transportation arrangements, language training, insurance, housing, passports, visas, inoculations, and financial readiness are not the responsibility of any individual Rotarian, Rotary club or district, RI, or TRF. I understand that RI/TRF may not provide any type of insurance to scholars.
16. Any actions of mine that result in the following situations will be properly construed as sufficient grounds for revocation of my scholarship: (a) failure to keep my sponsoring club or district advised of my current mailing address, phone number, and email address at all times; (b) failure to maintain good academic standing pursuant to university standards throughout the scholarship period; (c) evidence of misconduct; (d) failure to submit reports on time; (e) change in course of study or program; (f) withdrawal from the institution, course of study, or program of training before the term of the award expires; (g) failure to participate in the required activities as outlined in this application and in the terms and conditions for this scholarship; (h) failure to adequately fulfill the terms and conditions of this agreement, or other TRF policies; and (i) any contingency preventing me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship.
17. If I terminate my scholarship, or if my scholarship is terminated by TRF, I forfeit all rights to any additional TRF funding. Additionally, in the event of termination, I shall be responsible for my own return transportation home and shall refund all funds received, including any interest earned.
18. TRF may share my name and contact details with other scholars and Rotary districts upon request. Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, by submitting photos in connection with any report, I hereby give publication rights to RI and TRF for promotional purposes to further the mission of The Rotary Foundation, including but not limited to RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and websites. I also authorize RI and TRF to share any photos from my final report with Rotary entities for promotional purposes to further the mission of The Rotary Foundation.

Only the laws of the State of Illinois, USA, without reference to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement. Any legal action arising out of or relating to this agreement must be brought in either the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA, or the federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against me in any court with jurisdiction over me.

Name (please print): _____

Signature (mandatory): _____

Date: _____