Rotary District 1600

IHE DELFT Institute for Water Education under the auspices of UNESCO

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR WATER AND SANITATION AT IHE DELFT – THE NETHERLANDS APPLICATION FORM STUDY YEAR 2027-28

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APPLICATION FORM STUDY YEAR 2027-28

This document contains the following elements related to Rotary's scholarship for water and sanitation professionals (https://www.un-ihe.org/rotary-scholarships-water-and-sanitation-professionals):

- Overview of the scholarship and related information about Rotary, IHE, Rotary Scholars, key considerations, participation requirements, the application process and budget & funding
- Scholarship candidate application
- Rotary Club/District application

To apply, this document must be fully completed and submitted by e-mail to the Rotary IHE-Delft Scholarship Committee rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com by the sponsoring Rotary Club or District (Primary Sponsor).

Rotary scholarships are one of the most successful programs supported by the Rotary Foundation, already running since 1958. Rotary District 1600 (D1600) makes use of these Rotary Foundation Scholarship for the specific purpose to develop future leaders in water and sanitation.

OVERVIEW

The strategic partnership between Rotary and IHE-Delft has been initiated by The Rotary Foundation in 2012 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 are awarded annually for graduate students at IHE-Delft The Netherlands. These scholarships are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and highly skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Rotarians, in applicants' home country, interview and select from local candidates who have already been admitted to the IHE Delft MSc Programme in Water and Sustainable Development. These local Rotarians (members of the Rotary Club or District acting as Primary Sponsor) maintain contact with the scholar throughout his or her study. Rotarians in the Netherlands involve the scholars in local cultural and Rotary-related events during their academic program.

The financing of the scholarships will be managed through Rotary's Global Grant process.

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-plus Rotary Clubs, 1.2 million members volunteer their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international service projects. Find out more at https://www.rotary.org/.

ABOUT IHE DELFT

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education is the largest international postgraduate water education institution in the world and the only institution within the United Nations system to confer accredited Master of Science degrees and promote doctoral degrees.

ABOUT ROTARY SCHOLARS

Recipients of this scholarship will benefit from the support they receive through regular contact with Rotarians from their home country (members of the Rotary Club or District acting as Primary Sponsor) and the opportunity to interact with Rotarians in the Netherlands. IHE alumni constitute an extensive network of 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.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Students admitted to IHE Delft MSc Programme in Water and Sustainable Development can contact Rotary Clubs in their home country to initiate the application for a Rotary Scholarship.

Qualified Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts that are located near the scholarship candidate's workplace or residence are encouraged to apply for the Rotary Scholarship.

Joint programs are not eligible. Students are encouraged to return to their home country after completing their academic program.

Scholars are selected in a competitive process, 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.

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Rotary seeks scholars who wish to use their expertise to improve the lives of others in their own communities and around the world. Scholars will be expected to maintain good academic performance and participate in the following activities:

- Provide a monthly update on the educational program and their cultural experiences to Rotary Primary Sponsor in their home country and to the Rotary IHE-Delft Scholarship Committee
- Give at least one presentation at a Rotary Club - or Rotary District event while being in The Netherlands.
- Give at least one presentation at a Rotary District conference in their home country.

Selected students are expected to return to their home country, work with Rotary Clubs or District on activities to make a positive impact on water and sanitation in their home community.

Note: Rotarians, spouses or lineal descendants of Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entities are not eligible to apply.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Students already admitted to the IHE Delft MSc Programme in Water and Sustainable Development seek in their home country for sponsorship by a local Rotary Club by completing the scholarship candidate portion of the application and sending it to the local Rotary Club, the potential Primary Sponsor.
2. Rotarians from the local Rotary Club interview the scholarship candidate and decide whether to sponsor him or her with the application for a Global Grant.
3. In case of a positive decision, a representative of the local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor) completes the Rotary Club/District portion of the application and submits it to the Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com, no later than 15th March 2027, together with the student's resume and the IHE Delft admission letter. Any nomination forms submitted after this date will not be considered.
4. The Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee then reviews the nomination and decides whether it is willing to support the Global Grant for a scholarship at IHE Delft. Focus of the review is that the candidate demonstrates to have the potential to make a significant, positive impact on global water and sanitation issues during their career. Furthermore, the track record of the local Rotary Club acting as the Primary Sponsor in WASH-projects and the plans for the student upon return to his/her country will be taken into consideration.
5. In case of a successful nomination, a Global Grant application will be initiated with The Rotary Foundation to fund the scholarship. The Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee will assign a host Rotary Club in the Netherlands and will assist in funding and completing the Global Grant. More info on Global Grant applications can be found on: https://my.rotary.org/en/take- action/apply-grants/global-grants .
6. The scholar submits a progress report after the scholar's first half-year of the program and a final report when the scholar completes the academic program.

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET AND FUNDING

The Global Grant for the Rotary Scholarship for Water and Sanitation at IHE Delft covers the following costs:

Budget Rotary IHE-Delft Scholarship 2027-2028		
Description	**€**	**US$** @ US$/€: 0,85
Tuition*	15.908	18.715
Insurance	684	805
Residence permit	270	318
Allowance - accommodation and cost of living	14.640	17.224
Allowance - cost of settling in	300	353
Total	**31.802**	**37.414**

*) *The Rotary Scholarship for water and sanitation at IHE Delft is benefitting from a 25% discount on the tuition fee, a saving of more than € 5.300/US$ 6.200*

The only cost not included in the Global Grant is the airfare for your flight to and from the Netherlands. You will need to cover these costs yourself or arrange external support.

The local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor) is encouraged to donate to the Rotary Scholarship for Water and Sanitation at IHE Delft. Preferably US$ 5,000 or at least an amount that can be carried by the club.

The local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor) is also encouraged to obtain a District Designated Fund (DDF) contribution via their District Foundation Committee. Again preferably $ 5,000 or any other amount the District Foundation Committee can make available. The total grant amount is achieved by complementing these contributions with donations from worldwide individual Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and complemented with a Rotary Foundation World Fund Match on the DDF contributions.

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Obtain admission to the IHE Delft MSc Program in Water and Sustainable Development (joint programs are not eligible).

The deadline for submitting this application form to the Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee is 15th March 2027.

1. Use Club Finder on Rotary's website to find the Rotary Club or Rotary District nearest to where you live or work. Please note that unfortunately we cannot accept applications from applicants in countries where Rotary is not established.
2. Choose the Rotary Club or Rotary District to which you will send your application.
3. Contact the Rotary Club and ask to attend one of their club meetings. Some Rotarians may not be familiar with this scholarship. If that is the case, it is your job to inform them of Rotary's strategic partnership with IHE Delft and to interest them in acting as the sponsor of your scholarship. Key information to highlight:
   a. IHE Delft is the largest water education facility in the world, and the only institution in the UN system authorized to confer accredited Master of Science degrees.
   b. As a highly skilled professional, you will be a valuable resource to the club or district for potential service projects involving water and sanitation.
4. Complete the scholar candidate portion of the application below and submit it to your local Rotary Club or Rotary District, along with the following items:
   a. Copy of your current résumé or curriculum vitae
   b. Copy of your admittance letter from IHE Delft
5. If the Rotary Club decides to sponsor your scholarship (as Primary Sponsor), ask these Rotarians to complete the Rotary Club/District portion of the application and submit it by email to the Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com, together with the your resume and the IHE Delft admission letter, no later than 15th March 2027. Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered. Please bear in mind we normally receive over 60 applications, while we can award 10 – 12 scholarships.

The application must be completed electronically or typed, not handwritten

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Permanent address _____

City _____ State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Country of citizenship: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Permanent address _____

City _____ State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

PRIOR EDUCATION

Most recently attended: _____

Name of institution: _____

Degree received: _____

Place of study: _____

Field of study: _____

Previously attended: _____

Name of institution: _____

Degree received: _____

Place of study: _____

Field of study: _____

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Matriculating educational institution: IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

https://www.un-ihe.org/msc-programme-water-and-sustainable-development

City / Country Delft, The Netherlands

Language of instruction: English

Program start date: November 2027, anticipated graduation date: October 2028

CANDIDATE ESSAY QUESTIONS.

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

Essay Question 1: Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. In what ways have you served your community? Please explain all active leadership roles.

Essay Question 2: How does your educational, professional, or volunteer experience align with Rotary's goals in the Water and Sanitation area of focus?

Essay Question 3: As a water and sanitation professional, how will your future work contribute to Rotary's mission and values?

AGREEMENT

Should it be offered, I accept the scholarship granted by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for study during the predetermined academic year(s) at IHE Delft. In accepting this scholarship, I confirm and agree to the following:

1. 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. Members of Rotaract, that at the same time meet the previous, are eligible to apply.
2. My scholarship is provided for direct enrolment at IHE Delft, 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.
3. I will participate in and complete the required activities as outlined in this application and in the terms and conditions for this scholarship.
4. I cannot defer, postpone or cancel studies once I have accepted the scholarship.
5. The duration of this scholarship is for consecutive terms within the approved scholarship period at IHE Delft. This scholarship is only for a Delft-based specialization leading to a MSc Water and Sustainable Development degree.
6. I will keep my Rotary sponsor club and TRF advised of my current mailing address, phone number, and email address before and during my study period.
7. I will work with my Rotary sponsors to submit the final report within 2 months of the completion of my academic program.
8. 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.
9. I meet the medical requirements for international travel and all activities during the scholarship period.
10. I understand and agree to the following:
    a. I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in and traveling in relation to this scholarship.
    b. While participating in this scholarship, I may be involved in or have exposure to some conditions or activities including disease, injury, illness, 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, crime and fraud. I understand 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/TRF (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.
11. I agree to refrain from engaging in activities that could unnecessarily endanger or threaten my health, safety, or well-being or that of other participants. Such activities would include, but not be limited to, skydiving, bungee jumping, extreme sports, and operating heavy machinery.
12. I release Rotary International 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.

13. 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.
14. 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 sponsor 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 without approval of IHE Delft and Rotary (via rotary.iheschola rship@gmail.com) (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 fulfil 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.
15. 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.
16. The Global Grant part of the scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship program or funds and could be revoked if this would turn out to be the case. In case an additional sponsor is found during the program, this should be reported to Rotary, who may decide to revoke (partial) fellowship payments.
17. 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 grant to RI and TRF the worldwide right to publish and use the photos, including but not limited to, in RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and websites, and on social media channels, and to license use to others, including but not limited to, media outlets and RI's partners and through RI's online image database, for the purpose of promoting Rotary. By submitting the photos, I represent and warrant that all persons appearing in the photos have given me their unrestricted written consent to use their likeness and to license use to third parties.
18. I confirm that after I have finished my studies at IHE Delft I will return to my home country to work in the field of Water and Sanitation and I will stay in close contact with Rotary.

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, 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): _____

Date: _____

ROTARY CLUB APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the scholarship candidate responses included above.
2. Complete the Rotary Club/District portion of the application below.
3. Apply for the scholarship submitting fully completed form by email to the Rotary IHE Delft Scholarship Committee rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com , no later than 15th March 2027, together with the student's resume and the IHE Delft admission letter. Any nomination forms submitted after this date will not be considered.

Note: The application must be completed electronically or typed, not handwritten.

PRIMARY SPONSOR

Primary sponsor for this scholarship (check one): ☐ Club ☐ District

Club name: _____

Club ID number: _____

District: _____ Country: _____

Please confirm the status of your District is "Qualified" by The Rotary Foundation: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please confirm your club will not have any Global Grant reports due up to 01/08/2027: ☐ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY CONTACT

Name: _____

Member ID: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

DETAILS OFF TWO ADDITIONAL COMMITTEEE MEMBERS FROM THE SAME CLUB AS THE PRIMARY CONTACT.

Name: _____

Member ID: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Name: _____

Member ID: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

Does any of the committee members have potential conflicts of interest? ☐ YES ☐ NO

GRANT CONTRIBUITION DETAILS

The Global Grant for the Rotary Scholarship for Water and Sanitation at IHE Delft covers the following costs:

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The local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor) is encouraged to donate to the Rotary Scholarship for Water and Sanitation at IHE Delft. Preferably US$ 5,000 or at least an amount that can be carried by the club.

The local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor) is also encouraged to obtain a District Designated Fund (DDF) contribution via their District Foundation Committee. Again preferably $ 5,000 or any other amount the District Foundation Committee can make available. The total grant amount is achieved by complementing these contributions with donations from worldwide individual Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and complemented with a Rotary Foundation World Fund match on the DDF contributions.

Please indicate what you will contribute to the Global Grant.

Local Rotary Club (Primary Sponsor): _____ US$ District Designated Fund (DDF): _____ US$

Formal approval of the DDF amount will be asked for if the students does indeed get selected. However, for now please do confirm.

The District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) has been informed about the above indicated DDF amount ☐ YES

As soon as your candidate has been selected in April, you will need to submit a confirmation email from your DRFC that the DDF amount is available to fund this Global Grant scholarship application. Also note, we expect to receive some 60 applications from which about 10-12 scholars will get selected.

Contact details for the DRFC and District Governor (DG) are:

DG Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

DRFC Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE – CLUB EVALUATION

Family name: ._____ First name: ._____

Is the candidate a member of your community? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Did the Rotary Club/District interview this candidate in person? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SUPPORTING CLUB QUESTIONS.

Essay Question 1: Describe your selection process: how and why was this candidate selected?

Essay Question 2: What are the main objectives of this Water & Sanitation scholarship Global Grant project, and who will benefit from it?

For your information: *The role that the host Rotarians will have in this project.*

Host Rotarians of Rotary District 1600 will provide support to all students with a Rotary scholarship for water and sanitation at IHE Delft and will engage them in D1600 Rotary activities. A host counsellor will be allocated to each student by the end of August. Next to visits to the club of the host counsellor several activities will be organized with all Rotary IHE Delft students. At the start of the scholarship the focus will be on getting to know the Netherlands better as well as each other.

Students will also participate in fundraising events for these scholarships at IHE Delft itself or e.g. during District events at any of the Rotary Districts in The Netherlands or countries close by.

Essay Question 3: Describe the role that you, the international Rotarians, in relation to the student will have in this project.

Essay Question 4: Describe your club or district's interest in water and sanitation issues in your community.

Essay Question 5: Describe your plans for communicating and working with the scholar. Who will be responsible for communicating with the scholar? How frequently will you be in touch with the scholar? Have you made high level plans on possible collaboration with the student when the student returns home after his studies?

Essay Question 6: The budget for the scholarship Global Grant is US$ 37,414. Will your club and/or district make a donation to the Water Scholarship Program? Preferably US$ 5,000 or at least an amount that can be carried by the Club, combined with preferably US$ 5,000. - District Designated Fund (DDF) per Rotary District. In case you and/or your District are not planning to make a financial contribution, please explain.

Please submit this form by email to the Rotary IHE-Delft Scholarship Committee rotary.ihescholarship@gmail.com, together with the candidate's resume and the IHE Delft admission letter, no later than 15th March 2027.