

**Stiftung DER ROTARIER**  
(Foundation of the German and Austrian Districts)

**Public Announcement**

On the occasion of the “100 Year ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 1905-2005” anniversary, “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” announces a program for the anniversary year:

**International Study Stipends  
For Students from Central and Eastern Europe  
Studying in Germany**

The program is dedicated to promote international views, tolerance in all aspects, intercultural encounters and the concept of international understanding, as an expansion of the numerous and various social, humanitarian, and social anniversary projects of the individual ROTARY Clubs, Districts, Inter-Country Committees, and Fellowships.

The program has an endowment of 100,000 Euros and is a one-time event addressing

- highly qualified students from Central and Eastern Europe studying in Germany.

The program offers assistance in the following areas:

- Study stipends
- Supplemental grants to study stipends
- Grants for Practica that are required for a course of study

Applications for the “WS 2005” should be submitted in accordance with the attached rules and regulations (see attached guidelines and enclosures) no later than May 31, 2005. In accordance with the selection committee’s proposals, “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” will announce grant/stipend distribution by July 20, 2005.

All institutions, universities, colleges, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts, and Inter-Country Committees from the nations of Central and Eastern Europe as well as in Germany are cordially invited to promote applications to this program.

With this “anniversary program,” “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” would also like to honor and to continue to promote the work and cooperation of numerous Rotary Clubs, Districts, and Inter-Country Committees with the nations of Central and Eastern Europe.

Frankfurt am Main, January 18, 2005

Board of “Stiftung DER ROTARIER”

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**Guidelines for the awarding of study stipends, supplemental grants,  
and grants for Practica that are required for a course of study, offered  
on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
under the “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” program of “International  
Study Stipends” for students from Central and Eastern Europe  
studying in Germany.**

## **1. The Program**

In order to promote exceptionally qualified students from Central and Eastern Europe, “THE ROTARIAN Foundation” is providing 100,000 Euros for study stipends, supplemental grants, and grants for Practica that are required for a course of study in Germany. These will be awarded within the framework of the following program. The program is a one-time offer on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

Stipends and supplemental grants can become effective with the winter semester 2005/2006. Interested parties from the following countries may apply: Albania, the Baltic States, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia-FYROM, Moldavia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary, Belarus, as well as other countries with whom Rotarian project connections exist (e.g. Armenia, Georgia). This action serves to promote international understanding and is in accordance with the charter of “Stiftung DER ROTARIER”.

## **2. General Requirements – Payments – Application Procedures**

### **2.1. General Requirements**

2.2.1. The resources provided by the program should essentially provide cost of living support for the stipend holder during the period of study that is being supported. It should also provide financial support for a limited period of time to facilitate international encounters and experiences in Germany.

The study stipends will be granted to qualified students during the period of time after the qualifying examination or an appropriate intermediate examination and end-of-study program examination, and in special cases also to post graduate students.

- 2.1.2. Awarding of grants presupposes that the applicant
- has already shown him/herself to be above average in an accredited program of study,
  - will continue, by means of this stipend, to study in Germany at an accredited university, college, or other educational institution (or an accredited Practicum that is part of a required course of study),
  - has a solid command of the German language and
  - has made a special commitment to intercultural encounters in Germany within the framework of a university/college or Rotary.

Compliance with these requirements must be documented in the application papers. False statements or non-compliance with these obligations during the award period will result in cancellation of the grant.

Awards are granted to individual persons. They do not apply to institutions that arrange for stipend granting. Award decision is solely at the discretion of “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” and is exempt from legal procedures.

## **2.2. Program Payments**

Payments in three categories are announced:

- Study stipend (up to 5,000 Euros/Semester), up to two semesters.
  - Supplemental grants (up to 2,500 Euros)
  - Grants for Practica that are required for a course of study (up to 8 weeks in Germany, 500 Euros per month)
- Associated insurance payments and travel costs in Germany are included (in above amounts).

## **2.3. Application procedures**

2.3.1. The District Governors of the ROTARY Districts in Germany (or their designated representatives) are entitled to present nominations to “Stiftung DER ROTARIER”.

2.3.2. Interested applicants should address their applications to:

Uwe Richardsen, PDG  
Leitle-Str. 28  
82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen  
Telefax +49 8821 7303220  
[uwe.richardsen@t-online.de](mailto:uwe.richardsen@t-online.de)

He will then forward them to a District Governor who is entitled to make nominations.

In addition to detailed and accurate personal, studies-related, and other information, applications should contain a concrete description of the intended objectives of the study program and the desired location of the university/college or site of the Practicum. Additional information may be requested of the applicant and, if need be, an interview scheduled. For details see **Enclosure 1**.

- 2.3.3. Applications to the program with complete documentation must be submitted by **May 31, 2005** (Study stipends, supplemental grants, Practica grants).

## **Nomination Procedures**

- 2.4.1. District Governors (or their designated representatives) will submit received applications to the selection committee of “Stiftung DER ROTARIER”. This will be done in coordination with the Inter-Country Committees, and if possible by including applications evaluated by foreign sections. In each case, applications will be divided into the three program categories and include a ranking order according to the quality the applicants.

- 2.4.2. Each district may nominate as “**number one priority**”
- either **one** study stipend (year-long stipend), or
  - up to **three** recipients of supplemental study grants.

Practica will be requested based on demand.

- 2.4.3. Nominations for study stipends, supplemental study grants, and Practica must be submitted by the District Governors no later than

**June 30, 2005**

to the selection committee of “Stiftung DER ROTARIER”

ATTN: Anton Steer, PDG  
Wilhelm-Leuschner-Straße 8  
56076 Koblenz  
[anton.steer@t-online.de](mailto:anton.steer@t-online.de)

The selection committee’s nominations will be conveyed to “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” by July 15, 2005. The “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” will then announce the final decision during the following week.

At the same time, stipend recipients will be referred to the appropriate local Rotary District who will be responsible for their care (including accounting and final report due no later than September 30, 2006).

- 2.4.4. Stipend/grant payments will be made via “Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst e.V., Düsseldorf.”

In this regard, stipend holders must designate a bank account in Germany.

“Stiftung DER ROTARIER,” based on these guidelines, wishes to facilitate the greatest possible participation and nomination initiatives for the Districts, Inter-Country Committees and Rotary Clubs. In addition, “Stiftung DER ROTARIER” hopes to utilize its experience acquired with other initiatives to date for a distinctive project that promotes international understanding and encounters on the occasion of “100 Years Rotary.”

Frankfurt am Main, January 18, 2005

**Stiftung DER ROTARIER:**

*Sign. Dr. Peter Krön, PRID*

*Sign. Dr. Eckard Gehring, PDG*

**The Selection Committee:**

*Sign. Anton Steer, PDG 1810*  
Selection Committee Coordinator

*Sign. Helmut Pöhner,*  
PDG 1940

*Sign. Uwe Richardsen,*  
PDG 1840

*Sign. Paul-Josef-Zeisler,*  
PDG 1830

**Enclosure 1: Application request for a stipend or supplemental study grant.**

1. Narrative application in German, including current address, phone number, email, and photo.
2. Vitae in German, including listing of residence in foreign countries to date, and academic transcripts.
3. Statement of reasons for applying (in German).
4. Letters of recommendation from professors or teachers at an academic institution, if possible with German translation.
5. Certificate of German language proficiency (if possible with German translation).
6. Original copy of registration certificate from the university/college/educational institution currently attending.
7. Indication of the preferred German university/college/educational institution.
8. Recommendation from a Rotary Club in the native country.