

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program between RI Dist. 3131 and RI Dist. 7040

Applications are invited from young business persons and professionals in the age group 25-40 years working full time and in early part of their careers for selection as member of The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange study tour to Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec (Rotary International District 7040) for a period of four weeks of structured, rigorous program designed by Rotary International District 7040 and leaving in September 2009.

The application is to be made through any Rotary Club in your area which will select the best candidate and recommend to the District Committee. The District Rotary Foundation Committee will select four team members who should be prepared to devote time to attend orientation and training programs organized by the District Committee. The program involves some personal expenditure of money and time to prepare oneself as a true cultural ambassador of this country. The program involves living with Rotarian host families to learn culture first hand. Meals, lodging and transportation are organized by the host district. Most economical transportation by Air is paid for by the Rotary foundation. ***Applicants must possess valid passport at the time of interview.***

The last date for sending your application form to the club nearest your residence/office is 20-05-2009.

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What Is Group Study Exchange - A Few Answers

Group Study Exchange is an educational program of The Rotary Foundation wherein Rotary districts in different countries are paired to send and receive professional study groups of four non-Rotarian team members and one Rotarian team leader to travel for four weeks, **staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible.**

Goals and Objectives

The Group Study Exchange program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in their initial years of professional life. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young adults so that they can address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace. GSE offers Rotarians the opportunity to participate in sending, receiving, and sharing educational experiences of study teams that will enhance Rotary's worldwide mission. GSE participants follow an extensive and rigorous program of international travel and team activities.

• Vocational visits

- Provide opportunities to observe vocations as practiced in another country.
- Impact team members' long-term careers through participation in an organized program of study, discussion, and reciprocal exchange of ideas in their respective fields.

• Cultural experiences

- Allow participants to study another country and its people, language, and institutions through experiences in an organized and meaningful host program.
- Promote an appreciation of cultural diversity worldwide.

• Fellowship opportunities

- Encourage team members and hosts to meet, communicate, and live with each other in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill.
- Consider each other's problems, aspirations, and community concerns.
- Foster lasting friendships and international understanding.

• Rotarian involvement

- Offers Rotarians specific, practical, and meaningful opportunities for international service by providing young, formative professionals a different perspective of their vocation in another country and culture.

The Rotary Foundation Pays for:

- The least expensive transportation for each team's travel from a common point of departure in (or nearest to) the sending district to a point of entry in (or nearest to) the host district and return between the same two points.

The Rotary Foundation Does Not Pay for:

- Transportation to and from airports.
- Entry and exit taxes.
- Visas.
- Insurance costs.
- Cost of inoculations/immunizations.
- Expenses connected with optional 24- hour stopovers en route to host district.
- Personal travel expenses.
- Penalties resulting from changes in personal travel arrangements, including optional stopovers.
- Any increase in airfare or fees resulting from early departure from the exchange.
- Excess baggage charges, shipping charges, and flight cancellation insurance.
- Increases in airfare due to late or incomplete submission of documents and information, or delay in finalizing travel arrangements.
- Personal dressing items as per team dress code, gift articles, presentation preparation expenses etc.

