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OBJECTIVES

WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATION

Your application has been assigned the reference number GG1532245 , which you can use for tracking and when communicating with The Rotary Foundation or colleagues.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

In a few short sentences, tell us your objectives for this global grant.

Our candidate for this Global Grant Scholarship is Ms Helena Petrusic, who has been admitted to the Master's degree program in Peace & Justice Studies at the University of San Diego Kroc School of Peace Studies for the 2015-2016 academic year. Selected by both D5340 and D1913, Ms Suleman will attain a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Peace & Justice Studies, with which she plans to develop further skills in order to design, execute, and evaluate effective public policies and programs to achieve sustainable development, peace, and social justice.

Who will benefit from this global grant? Provide the estimated number of direct beneficiaries.

With the skills that Ms Petrusic gains through developing and implementing public policies and programs, and direct service as well, her work stands to effect hundreds, and perhaps thousands of beneficiaries in her lifetime. Her special interest at this time is rebuilding and development in Croatia, as evidenced by her work with the UN Development Programme.

Which of the following activities will this global grant fund?

Scholarship

Scholarship

What are the scholarship candidate's estimated travel dates?

Departure: 2015-08-15 Return: 2016-08-31

How did you select this candidate?

Dr Lee Ann Otto, Associate Dean of the Kroc School of Peace Studies and Director of the MA program in Peace & Justice Studies, at the request of USD liaison to D5340 Dr Cynthia Villis, provided to the D5340 Scholarship Committee the USD application materials of 6 international students who had been accepted by Dean Otto and the Kroc School of Peace Studies faculty to the MA program. The D5340 Scholarship Committee reviewed the materials and chose Ms Petrusic for candidacy. The D5340 Foundation Chair then contacted his counterpart in International D1913 (Croatia), who interviewed Ms Petrusic in person and verified that she is an outstanding candidate.

In what ways is this candidate qualified to receive a global grant scholarship?

Ms Petrusic was fully accepted into the MA in Peace & Justice Studies at USD on the basis of her academic qualifications and her previous work experience. In her application Helena writes that in Croatia she has experienced firsthand the destruction of war. Since September 2013 she has worked with the UN Development Programme in Zadar. In this work she has realized that the rebuilding of Croatia more intense engagement from her in conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding. She is determined to improve her skills and abilities for future work in this field. Thus we see that Ms Petrusic possesses both the academic background and experience, and certainly the desire, to complete a Master's degree and implement policies and projects afterward.

Areas of Focus

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

Which goals will your activity support?

Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution

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How will you meet these goals?

This Global Grant will help to support tuition, fees, books and materials, and other expenses toward Ms Helena Petrusic achieving a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Peace & Justice Studies. She is already a career-minded professional, as is evidenced by her vita, her acceptance into the Master's program, and her work in the field. She will continue her work with enhanced skills.

How will you measure your impact?

Who will be responsible for collecting information for monitoring and evaluation?

Participants						
rimary Contacts						
Name	Club	Role		Sponsored by		Serving as
Cynthia Villis	La Jolla Golden Triangle	(Primary Contact)		Club		Host
Davor Sliskovic	Split (Prima		ary Contact)	Club		International
Committee Members						
#	Name		Club		Role	
1	Stephen Brown		La Jolla Golden Triangle		(Secondary Host Contact)	
2	Brett Morey		La Jolla Golden Triangle		(Secondary Host Contact)	
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#	Name	Club	Role
1	Dean Stubnja	Split	(Secondary International Contact)
2	Jure Smajo	Split	(Secondary International Contact)

No Rotarian who has a vested interest in the activity (e.g., an employee or board member of a cooperating organization, owner of a store where project goods will be purchased, trustee of a university that a scholar plans to attend) may serve on the grant committee. If any potential conflict of interest exists, disclose it here.

I am an employee of the University of San Diego -- Director of USD's Institute of College Initiatives, which are federallyfunded TRiO programs that assist US students from first generation and low-income backgrounds. I report to the Vice Provost (Dr Thomas Herrinton) in the Office of the Provost. The dean of the Kroc School of Peace Studies (Dr Patricia Marquez), to whom the director of the MA program in Peace & Justice Studies (Dr Lee Ann Otto) reports, reports directly to the Provost (Dr Andrew Allen).

Scholarship candidate

#	Name	Email	Role
1	Helena Petrusic	aneleh.petrusic@gmail.com	(Scholar)

UNIVERSITY / STUDY INSTITUTION

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No.	Name	Street address or P.O. box	City - Postal code	Country
1	University of San Diego	5998 Alcala Park	San Diego - 92110	United States

PARTNERS

List any additional partners who will participate and identify their responsibilities. This may include Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, Rotary Community Corps, or individuals.

ROTARIAN PARTICIPATION

Describe the role of the host Rotarians in this activity and list their specific responsibilities.

D5340 Host Rotarians have already been active in contacting Rotarians in Croatia who have met with Ms Petrusic, interviewed her, are explaining Rotary to her, and will welcome her to their June 1st Club meeting. D5340 Host Rotarians will welcome Helena to San Diego and the University of San Diego, and will inquire about her needs throughout the process. Upon the approval of her scholarship by The Rotary Foundation, and upon her arrival in San Diego, D5340 Rotarians will have secured housing for her, will meet her at the airport, will help her to move in and will orient her to her neighborhood, to San Diego, and to D5340.

Throughout this process and throughout the year one La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotarian will serve as the Host Counselor. He or she will be Ms Petrusic's primary contact for orientation to San Diego and to D5340. He or she will help her to coordinate presentations to local Rotary Clubs. D5340 Scholars are well-integrated into the fabric of this thriving Rotary District. They attend District Councils, Foundation Seminar, District Conference, RYLA, Model UN, the D5340 Peace Forum, and present to Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs in the District, including the Rotaract Club of the University of San Diego (on campus). Of special interest this year will be the RI Presidential Peace Conference in January 2016 in Ontario, CA.

Describe the role of the international Rotarians in this activity and list their specific responsibilities.

Pre-departure the Rotary Club of Split has already begun to initiate Ms Petrusic into Rotary. She has already spoken with the DRFC and two Rotary Clubs, is learning the basics of Rotary, and will attend this Rotary Club's meeting on June 1. Throughout the scholarship year the Rotarians of this Club will stay in touch with her and D5340 Rotarians, being advised on her progress and celebrating her achievements. After Ms Petrusic completes her degree, USD and Rotarians from both D5340 and D1913 will continue to stay advised of her achievements and progress through visits, phone calls, email and Facebook.

SUSTAINABILITY

Describe the role that members of the local community will play in implementing your project. What incentives (e.g., compensation, awards, certification, promotion) will you provide to encourage local participation?

Identify any individuals in the local community who will be responsible for monitoring outcomes and ensuring continuity of services. How will you support these individuals to help them take on this leadership role?

BUDGET

Select the local currency for your budget and enter the current rate of exchange to 1 U.S. dollar. Obtain the current RI exchange rate from Rotary's website. If your country is not on the official RI exchange rates list, visit the Oanda or Bloomberg website to obtain the current rate.

Detail your proposed expenses by adding items to the budget. Note that the total budget must be equal to the total financing of your activity.

Local currency: USD Exchange rate to 1 USD: 1

No. Description Supplier Category Local cost (USD) Cost in US	No.	Description	Supplier	Category	Local cost (USD)	Cost in USD
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1:	Housing	USD	Accommodations	12,000.00	\$12,000.00
2:	Tuition and fees	USD	Tuition	9,012.00	\$9,012.00
3:	Travel to US and back	Airline and ground	Travel	2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4:	Books, academic supplies, food, telephone, etc	Various	Supplies	5,988.00	\$5,988.00
5:	Contingency	Scholarship funds	Supplies	1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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			Total budget:	30000	30000
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SUSTAINABILITY

Describe the process for selecting these budget items. Do you plan to purchase any items from local vendors? Have you performed a competitive bidding process to select vendors? Do these budget items align with the local culture and technology standards?

How will the beneficiaries maintain these items? If applicable, confirm that spare or replacement parts are readily available and that the beneficiaries possess the skills to operate equipment.

Who will own the items purchased with grant funds at the end of the project, including equipment, assets, and materials? Note that items cannot be owned by a Rotary club or Rotarian.

FINANCING

The Rotary Foundation funds global grants from the World Fund, and awards range from US\$15,000 to US\$200,000. The Foundation matches cash contributions at 50 percent and District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions at 100 percent. The Foundation will also match non-Rotarian contributions toward a grant, provided they do not come from a cooperating organization or a beneficiary.

To determine the World Fund match for your global grant, list all sources of funding, specifying contributions from cash, DDF, and other sources. Non Rotarian contributions with no match from TRF can be included in the grant financing if they are being used to purchase grant budget items. These contributions should not be sent to TRF. Note that the total financing must be equal to the total budget of your activity.

^{*}NOTE: Any grant cash contributions sent to TRF must include an additional to support processing expenses.

After you have added all funding sources and the requested World Fund match, click "Save" to save your grant financing.

#	Funding Method	Organization	Amount (USD)
1	District Designated Fund (DDF)	5340	\$15,000.00

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DDF contributions:	15000
Cash contributions:	0
Other contributions:	
Endowed/Term gift contributions:	0
World Fund match maximum::	15000
World Fund match (requested):	15000
Total financing:	30000
Total budget:	30000

SUSTAINABILITY

Have you identified a local funding source to ensure long-term project outcomes? Will you introduce practices to help generate income for ongoing project funding?

Authorization

Application Authorization

By submitting this global grant application, we agree to the following:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the activities as presented in this application.

2. The club/district agrees to undertake these activities as a club/district.

3. We will ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in the grant financing) will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) or sent directly to the global grant bank account after Trustee approval of the grant.

4. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, the RI international convention, RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, etc.

5. We agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide our contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.

6. To the best of our knowledge and belief, except as disclosed herewith, neither we nor any person with whom we have or had a personal or business relationship are engaged, or intend to engage, in benefiting from TRF grant funds or have any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of TRF grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of TRF.

Primary Contact Authoriza	tions		
Role	Name	Authorization Status	Authorization Date

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Primary Cont	act	Cynthia Villis	nthia Villis		Authorized		2015	
Primary Conf	act	Davor Slisko	vic	ic Authorized		01/06/2015		
ORFC Autho	rizations							
Role			Name	Au	thorization Status	a Au	uthorization Date	
District Rotar	y Foundation C	hair (DRFC)	David Breeding	j Au	thorized	01	/06/2015	
District Rotar	y Foundation C	hair (DRFC)	Danijel Jozic	Au	thorized	01	/06/2015	
DDF Authori	zations		1	I				
Bank Account	:							
Bank country	,	United	States [USA]					
Payment cur	rency	USD						
Payment met	hod	ACH						
Pay to Club Fo			Club Foundation					
Account type		Checking						
Account nam	e	La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Foundation Global Grant 1532245					1532245	
Bank accoun	Bank account number 4110743257							
ABA routing	number	12224	3635					
Bank name	Bank name Torrey Pines Ban							
Bank address	s (line 1)	550 W	50 W. C Street, Suite 100					
Bank city		San D	San Diego					
Bank postal		92101	92101					
Tax ID	Tax ID 33-038		33-0385197					
Bank state Califor		California						
Account Sign	atories							
#	First Name			Family Na	ame			
1	Pamela			Russell				
2	Stephen			Brown				

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Scholar Profile				
PERSONAL INFORMATION				
First name	Helena			
Family name	Petrusic			
Citizenship	Croatia			
Gender	female			
CONTACT INFORMATION				
Email address	aneleh.petrusic@gmail.com			
Street address or P.O. box	Vladimira Nazora 45			
Suite, unit, building, floor, etc.				
City	Ploče			
Postal code	20340			
Country	Croatia			
Primary telephone				
Secondary telephone				
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO	RMATION			
First name	Sanja			
Family name	Petrušić			
Relationship	Mother			
Email address	sanja.pet@net.hr			
Street address or P.O. box	Vladimira Nazora 45			
Suite, unit, building, floor, etc.				
Country	Croatia			
City	Ploče			
Postal code	20340			
Primary telephone	00385 98 526 510			
Secondary telephone				
PRIOR EDUCATION				
List the two educational institutions you h	nave most recently attended:			
Most recently attended				

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Name of institution:	University of Zadar		
Degree received:	Expected to graduate in June 2015- Master of Arts		
Place of study:	Croatia		
Field of study:	English language and literature / Art history		
Previously attended			
Name of institution:	Karl Franzes Universitaet		
Degree received:	exchange student		
Place of study:	Austria		
Field of study:	American Studies		
- SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION			
Provide the following information about the	e academic program you plan to attend		
Matriculating educational institution:	University of San Diego		
City	San Diego, California		
Country	United States		
Language of instruction:	English		
Website:	https://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/		
Academic program:	Master of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies		
	14th of August 2015		
Academic program start date:	14th of August 2015		

List the classes you plan to take and provide any relevant links to information about the program.

Conflict Analysis, Prevention and Resolution; 2. International Justice and Human Rights; 3. Development and Conflict;
Research Methodology; 5. International Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding; 6. International Negotiations; 7. Development and Conflict - https://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/programs/masters/courses.php

How does your educational, professional, or volunteer experience align with Rotary's goals in the selected area of focus?

My educational background is in Humanities – English language and literature and Art History and I believe coming from Humanities where the focus is on human achievements through history and the beauty we are capable of creating, showed me the importance of creating conditions for people to achieve their goals, for giving everybody, equally, the possibility to gain education, to be creative and to grow as a person. I believe that without maintaining peace, preventing conflict and without access to basic human rights, that will never be possible.

I have also participated in many volunteer activities and have been as involved as time permitted me in my community. I believe it aligns to the Rotary goals in this focus area because community development and rebuilding a post-conflict nation in that sense is very important after conflict happens and in my country it did. Volunteering is a great way to create positive communication between people and gives a higher sense of meaning as well as a feeling you are able to make a difference. I believe my volunteering experience helped me decide on my career goals and my wish to build a career in

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peace building.

Moreover, I have finished volunteer basic military training in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia. I volunteered because I wanted to gain basic military skills, possibly continue my career in the military but also to understand the role of the military more then I could as a civilian. On a personal level, the experience gave me an insight into my own abilities, it made me stronger and more confident, but more importantly, it taught me how the role of military is very important not just during wars, but also in maintaining peace and rebuilding post-conflict societies.

As for my professional experience, for almost three years now, I have been working with the United Nations Development Programme in Croatia and our work has mostly focused on restoring my country to what it was before the war. The areas we work in are the areas that were most damaged during the war in Croatia and we have implemented projects related to education, rebuilding economy in rural areas, empowering women and so on. What I have seen through my professional experience is how even now, 20 years later, the consequences of the war are still tangible. The next logical step for me was to gain education in a field where I can contribute not just in restoring peace and a country torn by war, but to hopefully contribute to preventing conflict. I believe all these elements brought me to a place where I am now and to my wish to continue my career in the field of peace building.

What are your plans immediately after the scholarship period?

After I successfully finish this programme I plan to apply for a UNV – United Nations Volunteers Programme and after that a PhD in the same field – Peace and Justice. It is one of the reasons why I applied for this programme. I don't have formal education in the field of peace building and I think it is important to have it in order to be able to contribute more and facilitate change as a UN Volunteer. I have 2 years of experience working for a UN agency (UNDP) which is a prerequisite to apply but with this degree I will be better prepared for the work I will be doing. There is a possibility to apply for one of two focus areas, and I plan to apply for participating in Humanitarian and Peacekeeping Operations focus area. It would be an opportunity to be a facilitator of positive change, to help where my help is most needed and I hope it will be my next step after I finish this programme.

How do your long-term professional goals align with Rotary's goals in the selected area of focus?

My long-term goals are to build a career in peace building, it is not so relevant if it is going to be with a government institution, non-governmental organization, an institute, in the military or similar. What is important for me is that I gain necessary skills and knowledge and apply it in the field of peace building. I also plan to continue to participate in volunteer activities that bring positive change as much as I can. Restoring and maintaining peace, rebuilding post-conflict societies, being a part of something bigger then my personal well-being is my goal. It is not so important in which organization or on which position I achieve that goal; what is most important for me is to know that, with my efforts, actions and life-long dedication, I am contributing to making the world a better place.

Scholar Authorization				
Role	Name	Authorization Status	Authorization Date	
Scholar	Helena Petrusic	Authorized	30/05/2015	