Peace Corps is a life-defining leadership experience you will draw upon throughout your life.

The most significant accomplishment will be the contribution you make to improve the lives of others. There are also tangible benefits for you personally and professionally.

Dollars and Sense

- **Student Loans:** some are eligible for deferment and some for partial cancellation
- **Transition Funds:** receive $7,425 (pre-tax after you complete your 27 months of service)
- **Free Travel:** expenses for travel to and from your country of service are paid for
- **Living Allowance:** a monthly stipend to cover living and housing expenses
- **Vacation:** earn two vacation days per month of service
- **Medical and Dental:** receive complete medical and dental care while serving
- **Health Insurance:** an affordable plan is available for up to 18 months following service
- **No Fee:** unlike other international volunteer programs, there is no fee to participate in the Peace Corps

Career Builder

Whether you are just out of college, mid-career, or retired, the skills you learn as a Volunteer can help you achieve your goals and enhance your marketability with prospective employers.

Peace Corps provides training in a foreign language, technical skills, and cross-cultural understanding. This, combined with the experience of living, learning, and working with a community overseas for 27 months, augments any career path.

Services and Benefits for Returned Volunteers

- **Job Placement Support** – Peace Corps’ Returned Volunteer Services provides assistance in finding a job following service. The office publishes an online newsletter with job announcements, graduate school information, and career-related articles; sponsors career events throughout the year; and helps returned Volunteers translate their field experience for prospective employers and other professional contacts.

- **Advantages in Federal Employment** – Volunteers who complete two years of service receive one year of noncompetitive eligibility for employment in the federal government. This means that at the hiring agency’s discretion, if a Volunteer meets the minimum qualifications for a position, he or she can be hired without going through the standard competitive process. Federal employees can receive credit toward retirement for their years of Volunteer service.

- **Network with vibrant alumni** – Be part of the network of over 200,000 returned Volunteers worldwide, many of whom actively participate in local returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) groups.
Graduate School Advantages

Volunteers can earn academic credit for their Peace Corps service and are eligible for scholarships, reduced tuition, internships, and stipends through participating schools. The Peace Corps offers two unique programs through partnerships with over 130 colleges and universities across the United States.

Before and During Your Service

Master’s International allows Volunteers to incorporate Peace Corps service as credit in a master’s degree program in a variety of fields at more than 80 academic institutions nationwide.

Following Your Service

Fellows/USA offers returned Volunteers scholarships or reduced tuition, stipends, and internships at more than 50 participating campuses in a variety of subject areas, combining graduate study with substantive, degree-related internships that help meet the needs of underserved communities in the U.S.

“A when I decided to serve with the Peace Corps, it was the biggest risk I’d ever taken in life. I was the first person to graduate from college in my family and their concern was that I take that tremendous achievement and settle down and have a normal career. My mother, however, thought Peace Corps was an excellent idea and she supported me. The Peace Corps is a marvelous way for a young person to develop leadership skills at a very early age that will hold you in good stead for the rest of your life.”

Aaron S. Williams
Director of the Peace Corps
Volunteer in Dominican Republic

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