



Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program

Get grad school assistance

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers can receive financial aid to pursue a master's degree or doctorate in a wide variety of subject areas at more than 90 universities through the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program. Returned Volunteers have lifetime eligibility for the program and may choose to participate immediately following service or any time thereafter.

Coverdell Fellows receive scholarships and stipends, and participate in professional internships in underserved American communities, where they are prepared for careers in a wide range of disciplines.

The Coverdell Fellows Program is an opportunity to combine academic and professional endeavors with a desire to work in underserved communities.

Benefits for Coverdell Fellows

Financial Assistance

Receive financial aid that may include tuition reduction, a full scholarship, or stipend.

Professional Experience

Apply what is learned in the classroom to a professional setting.

Helping Others

Provide much-needed assistance to underserved communities in the U.S.

Federal Employment

Extend noncompetitive eligibility status, which eases the hiring process for federal employment for up to three years

as a full-time student. Visit peacecorps.gov/nce for more information.

Degree Programs

Currently more than 90 universities offer graduate or doctorate degrees in nearly 200 different fields, including the following:

- Business, economics, nonprofit management
- International affairs, peace studies
- Nursing, public health, social work
- Public policy, public administration, political science, urban planning
- Sciences, information technology, engineering
- Teacher education and certification

Visit peacecorps.gov/fellows for more information, including a complete list of participating schools and programs.

“The search for master’s degree funding is challenging. I was grateful that my experience in the Peace Corps put me in a special category at my school, which provided tuition forgiveness and a paid internship.”

Debbie Curley
Volunteer in Cameroon
Master of Public Health
University of Arizona

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