Peace Corps | Education

Peace Corps Volunteers provide technical assistance to countries that have requested it in a wide variety of Volunteer positions throughout the world. All Volunteers serve in six general work areas: Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, and Youth in Development.

Search for currently available opportunities at peacecorps.gov/openings. Each posted opportunity includes apply by and departure dates. We recommend that you submit your application as early as possible: The sooner you apply, the sooner you could be invited to be a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Education Volunteers

Education is the largest area of need identified by the countries asking for Peace Corps assistance. Volunteers bring diverse experience and educational backgrounds to the classroom. Volunteers provide training and support to teachers, co-teach, or offer direct instruction to students.

Programs and Sample Projects

Secondary Education English Teaching

- Increase local students' English language competency and conversational skills
- Share resources and develop teaching materials with local teachers
- Become involved in community and school-based projects
- Work in after-school programs, youth clubs, and library development

Primary and Secondary Education Teacher Training

- Work in one or several schools or teachers' colleges, model participatory methodologies, and provide ongoing support to local teachers
- Increase local teachers' English language competency and conversational skills
- Organize teacher associations or training seminars

Secondary Education Math and Science Teaching

- Volunteers in math teach courses such as algebra, calculus, geometry, remedial math, probability, and statistics
- Volunteers in science teach biology, chemistry, general science, and physics
- Collaborate with local teachers to develop materials, improve teaching techniques, and integrate health and environmental curriculum.

Special Education Teacher Training

- Work with schools and local teachers, focusing on individualized instruction, classroom management, methodology, and resource development for teachers of students with special needs
- Work with families to develop projects that raise public awareness and understanding of people with disabilities

University English Teaching

- Help students make use of academic resources published in English in their study of languages, literature, business, or other fields
- Teach grammar, conversation, creative writing, and linguistics
- Establish English language clubs and resource centers
- Share ideas and develop materials with fellow teachers

What Makes a Successful Volunteer

From the application process through completion of service, successful Peace Corps Volunteers demonstrate motivation, flexibility, curiosity, cultural sensitivity, leadership, and a commitment to service.

Launch Your Career

Peace Corps Volunteers who served in the field of education have gone on to careers with a variety of leading education and development institutions, including: U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Education, Corporation for National and Community Service, Teach for America, and public and private school districts across the U.S. Visit our website to learn how returned Peace Corps Volunteers receive advantages in federal employment.

Benefits of Peace Corps Service

- Language, cross-cultural, and technical training
- Travel costs to and from the country of service covered
- Stipend for overseas living and housing expenses
- Medical and dental coverage
- Student loan deferment and partial cancellation of some loans
- Vacation time
- More than $8,000 (pre-tax) after two years of service to help you transition to life back home.
- Career and transition assistance
- Advantages with Peace Corps graduate school partners
- No fee to participate
- Many states waive student teaching requirements or provide preliminary teaching credentials for returned Peace Corps Volunteers who served in education

Make a difference.
Be a Volunteer.

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