



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](http://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.

## Environment Volunteers

Environmental damage can have enormous consequences to a community's livelihood. Peace Corps Volunteers strengthen communities' understanding of environmental issues, providing people with the knowledge to develop their own programs and make their own choices about how to best protect and preserve the local environment.

## Programs and Sample Projects

### Environmental Education and Awareness

- Teach environmental education in elementary and secondary schools and promote environmental awareness to groups and individuals outside school settings
- Assist environmental groups and nongovernmental organizations in management and development
- Promote sustainable use of natural resources
- Teach soil conservation, forestry, and vegetable gardening practices

## Forestry

- Establish forest conservation plans and develop alternatives to wood as a fuel source
- Work on soil conservation and reforestation projects
- Improve agroforestry practices, such as fruit production
- Preserve biodiversity near national parks or other reserves
- Work on watershed management and flood control projects

## Protected Areas Management

- Conduct community-based conservation, such as sustainable use of forest or marine resources
- Promote ecotourism and other income-generating activities for communities living near protected areas
- Oversee technical training of park managers





### 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 environment have gone on to careers with a variety of leading environment and development institutions, including: U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, United Nations Environment Program, and many private and nongovernmental organizations. 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

*“To see the look on farmers’ faces when they realize how we can actually manage water and not be at the mercy of it is truly inspiring.”*

Gregory “Jake” Wilson  
Volunteer in Lithuania and Malawi

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