



# Peace Corps

Life is calling. How far will you go?

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Dear Faculty Member/Administrator:

**Peace Corps is increasing the number of international volunteer positions, and we have more opportunities than ever for college seniors and grad students to apply for 2011 programs.**

Peace Corps continues to seek applicants with skill sets in education, agriculture, environment, health and business. We also need applicants majoring in areas such as Liberal Arts, Humanities, Cultures and Languages, International Studies, Non-profit Management, Political Science, Anthropology, Geography, Communications, Journalism, History, etc. This is the perfect time for seniors with these majors to apply since many more positions are becoming available for 2011. Peace Corps looks for applicants with leadership skills and commitment to service, and if needed, can advise on the best type of volunteer or internship work to complete according to skills and interests to fully qualify for a spot.

For example, we are especially in need of applicants who are willing to gain a few months of tutoring/teaching experience in order to qualify for English teaching assignments. Also, applicants with degrees in any discipline and relevant experience can work in program areas like youth and community development, gardening and farming, and public health and HIV/AIDS assistance.

Interested candidates can go to [www.peacecorps.gov/application](http://www.peacecorps.gov/application) to apply online and talk with a recruiter about Peace Corps assignments best matching their qualifications.

## **Benefits of Peace Corps Service**

In addition to making a difference for others, Peace Corps service comes with [tangible benefits](#):

- Combining service with graduate school for credit and/or financial assistance
- Paid living expenses, Full health and dental coverage in service, Vacation days
- \$7,425 readjustment allowance upon service completion
- Deferment or partial cancellation of some student loans
- Job placement support and federal employment advantage
- International work experience and cultural exchange
- Affordable health insurance after service
- Network of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for social and career connections

Peace Corps is a great way to launch a career. [Volunteers](#) return home as global citizens, with cross-cultural, leadership, language, teaching and community development skills that position them well for advanced education and professional opportunities. [See](#)

examples of these notable Peace Corps Volunteers.

**We hope that you can share this information about Peace Corps with your students.** Or, please contact our public affairs specialist, Christine Torres, at [ctorres2@peacecorps.gov](mailto:ctorres2@peacecorps.gov), if you would like handout materials for your department. Provide your name, department and mailing address in the e-mail.

Thank you for making this unique personal and professional development opportunity available to your students.

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*Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age, but there is no upper age limit. First established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, the Peace Corps celebrates 50 years of global outreach and service in 2011. [Read more](#) about the Peace Corps mission.*

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