

# Before and During Service | Masters International



## Grad School or Peace Corps? Combine both through Master's International

Does the idea of Peace Corps service interest you but you want to go to graduate school soon? You can do both with Master's International. As a Master's International student, you have an unparalleled opportunity to live and work overseas while completing a master's degree in your field of interest.

Many of our partner schools offer research or teaching assistantships, scholarships, or tuition waivers to Volunteers while serving in the Peace Corps—and all offer credit for service. Dedicated faculty and staff members serve as ongoing resources throughout your academic and overseas experiences.

### Degree Programs

Currently more than 80 universities offer graduate degrees in 100+ fields of study, including:

- Education, TESOL/TESL/TEFL
- Environment, forestry, agriculture
- Public health, international health
- Social work
- Youth and family development

Visit [peacecorps.gov/masters](http://peacecorps.gov/masters) for individual school programs and specific details about Master's International.

### Benefits of Peace Corps Service

- Living allowance
- Vacation time
- Full medical and dental coverage
- Student loan assistance
- Transition funds after service
- Marketable professional skills through cross-cultural, language, and technical training
- Advantages in federal employment
- Transition and job support services
- Opportunities for short-term assignments through Peace Corps Response
- Travel to and from country of service
- No fee to participate

*“My Master's International experience was fundamental in establishing my current career working in economic development. I have received numerous invitations to job interviews as well as job offers, and I continue to notice that employers have a high level of respect for returned Peace Corps Volunteers.”*

Courtney Owens  
Volunteer in Burkina Faso  
Master of Science in Agricultural Education  
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

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# After Service | Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program



## Get grad school assistance through the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program

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 70 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 (NCE) status for federal employment (if applicable) for up to three years as a full-time student.

## Degree Programs

Currently more than 70 universities offer graduate or doctorate degrees in nearly 200 different fields, including:

- 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](http://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 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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