



Peace Corps service is a life-defining leadership experience. Peace Corps Volunteers live, learn, and work with a community overseas for 27 months, providing technical assistance in six program areas: education, youth and community development, health, business and information and communications technology, agriculture, and environment. We are looking for applicants with a variety of skills and are actively recruiting to reflect the diversity of America. Peace Corps prepares Volunteers with language, cross-cultural, and technical training.

We recommend you submit your application as early as possible so we can match your skills to openings as they become available. Plan ahead and apply nine months to a year in advance of your target departure date. To be eligible for Peace Corps service, you must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen.

### **Agriculture Volunteers**

Agriculture is the primary economic activity of most of the world's people, yet many communities are unable to produce enough food. Peace Corps Volunteers contribute sustainable solutions to a community's agricultural issues and help preserve natural resources.

### **Programs and Sample Projects**

#### **Agriculture and Forestry Extension**

- Collaborate with farmers and associations to improve agriculture and agribusiness practices
- Establish and maintain soil and water conservation structures and practices
- Raise trees in small nurseries and work in fruit tree production
- Train communities in nutritional education through vegetable and semi-urban gardening and permaculture
- Support livelihoods through income-generating projects

### **Applied Agricultural Science**

- Teach agriculture methodologies in formal training institutions
- Test new varieties of seeds and demonstrate post-harvest management methods
- Introduce composting, green manures, and other soil-improvement techniques
- Conduct workshops on integrated pest management
- Develop marketing strategies

### **Farm Management and Agribusiness**

- Teach basic business practices such as marketing, credit, production cost analysis, price determination, and general business planning
- Work on crop and livestock production and preservation
- Identify market structures and channels
- Assist in organizing networks of local farmers





## Animal Husbandry

- Develop land-use plans for pastoral farmers
- Teach farmers improved production techniques
- Share marketing techniques for products like meat, wool, and eggs
- Promote vaccination against common diseases

## 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 agriculture have gone on to careers with a variety of leading agriculture and development institutions, including: U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, USDA Extension Service, U.S. Food and Nutrition Service, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Environment Program, and many private companies 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
- Transition funds of \$7,425 (before taxes) following 27 months of service
- Career and transition assistance
- Advantages with Peace Corps graduate school partners
- No fee to participate

*“The solution to the world food crisis is not to ship goods, but to get serious about investing in communities around the world.”*

Carl Pope, CEO of Sierra Club  
Peace Corps Volunteer in India

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