



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.

### **Business and Information & Communication Technology Volunteers**

Peace Corps Volunteers help strengthen infrastructure and encourage economic opportunities in communities overseas. Volunteers support communities through business development and advising, urban and regional planning, and computer science.

### **Business Programs and Sample Projects**

#### **Business Advising**

- Teach business courses and English
- Train and advise communities in business planning, marketing, financial management, and product design
- Develop and write project funding proposals and assist with microfinance programs

#### **Nongovernmental Organization Development**

- Train rural groups and local leaders to build organizational capacity through improved leadership and communications skills

- Help identify sources of program funding and other support and assist with grant proposal preparation
- Help local entities with strategic planning and program assessment and promote active community participation

#### **Business Development**

- Consult with local businesses and conduct seminars on starting a business, strategic planning, marketing, merchandising, organizational development, and tourism development
- Develop business education curriculum, design training materials, and work with women and minority groups to strengthen their participation in the economic system

#### **Urban and Regional Planning**

- Assess the impact of planned activities or economic and environmental development on communities
- Assist in infrastructure planning for primary and secondary cities
- Assist with the creation and control of project budgets





## Information & Communication Technology Sample Projects

- Teach computer skills and data processing
- Help bring the Internet into classrooms and provide forums for communities to share ideas about development activities
- Teach community members to operate, maintain, and repair computers, use basic software programs, and develop databases
- Encourage the use of information technology for accounting, record keeping, and other daily transactions

## 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 business or small enterprise development have gone on to careers with a variety of leading business and development institutions, many have even launched their own businesses. 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

*“I was a Peace Corps Volunteer right out of college. After that experience of independence and some hardship, starting a business didn’t seem scary at all.”*

Reed Hastings, Netflix Founder and CEO  
Peace Corps Volunteer in Swaziland

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