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Corps

Ready to go the distance  
to make a **difference?**



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## Ready to connect?

Find your local recruiter at [peacecorps.gov/recruiters](https://peacecorps.gov/recruiters).

# Are you ready to be part of something bigger?

Founded in 1961 with a bold vision, the Peace Corps brings together skilled, committed Volunteers with welcoming communities for service opportunities in more than 60 countries.

As a Volunteer, you will live and work side-by-side with community members on locally prioritized projects, receiving a stipend and other support as you immerse yourself in a new experience — building relationships, exchanging cultures and knowledge, and helping transform lives for generations.

**Do you believe in the power of human connection? Are you ready to serve boldly? We have a place where you belong.**



## Service Sectors

# Let's make change. Together.

When you serve in the Peace Corps, you'll be working together in your new community to create a positive impact on people's lives — now and for generations to come. We have diverse opportunities across six sectors.

Interested in serving in more than one sector? Secondary projects give you the opportunity to use your skills to help your community — beyond your primary assignment — by developing your own project from scratch.



## Teach for Tomorrow

### Education

Work with schools, communities, parents, and students to support learning in math, science, English, and literacy.



## Advance Health Equity

### Health

Work with clinics and healthcare providers to develop strategies to promote nutrition, maternal and child health, hygiene, water and sanitation, malaria prevention, and HIV/AIDS education.





# Strengthen Food Security

## Agriculture

Support programs in food security, climate change adaptation, sustainable living, and farming.



# Protect Our Planet

## Environment

Promote efforts to protect natural resources at the local level and strengthen understanding of environmental and sustainability issues.



# Cultivate Opportunity

## Community Economic Development

Strengthen economic infrastructure through urban planning or supporting entrepreneurs and business owners.



# Empower the Next Generation

## Youth in Development

Engage youth in programs related to HIV/AIDS education, gender awareness, environmental stewardship, sports, and more.

## Feeling Inspired?

Find the most current list of Volunteer openings at [peacecorps.gov/openings](https://peacecorps.gov/openings).



## What It Takes

# Is the Peace Corps right for you?

Who you are — your experiences, education, skills, passion, and drive — can make a world of difference with the Peace Corps. We welcome recent college graduates, early career and seasoned professionals, and retirees. Is service in your core?



## You're ready to work

You go all in and all out, and are ready to tackle the tough stuff, bringing your whole self to everything you do.

## You're flexible

You're ready to embrace different living conditions and new situations.

## You're curious

You're excited to immerse yourself in cultural exchange, experiencing the values and traditions of your new community — and sharing your own.

## You're humble

You bring an open mind, an open heart, and a spirit of appreciation and gratitude wherever you go.

## You're a volunteer at your core

You've made serving others a priority in your life, and you're ready to take it to the next level.

## You're a U.S. citizen

Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old.

## You've got 2 years to serve

From training through service, expect to be away from home for two years. (Some projects lasting from 3 to 12 months may be available for experienced professionals with diverse skills through the Peace Corps Response Program. For more, visit [peacecorps.gov/response](https://peacecorps.gov/response).)

## You're healthy

Generally, you need to be in good health. We aim to place Volunteers in countries with the resources to meet their medical needs.

## You've got a college degree or professional experience

You have job experience, skills, or education to put to work.





## At Work in the World

# Where will you serve?

### Our Regions of Service

Peace Corps Volunteers are invited to serve in more than 60 countries, so there's a world of diverse opportunities available to fit your skills, experience, passion, and aspirations. To see where we have openings, go to [peacecorps.gov/countries](https://peacecorps.gov/countries).





At Work in the World

# Africa



## Project Locations

1	Benin	8	Guinea	15	Mozambique	22	The Gambia
2	Botswana	9	Kenya	16	Namibia	23	Togo
3	Cameroon	10	Lesotho	17	Rwanda	24	Uganda
4	Comoros	11	Liberia	18	Senegal	25	Zambia
5	Eswatini	12	Madagascar	19	Sierra Leone		
6	Ethiopia	13	Malawi	20	South Africa		
7	Ghana	14	Morocco	21	Tanzania		



# Africa



## Volunteer Story

### Paul O'Brien

Botswana, HIV/AIDS Education

# A Walk into the Light

Paul O'Brien and his wife volunteered in Botswana, supporting and advocating for people living with HIV and AIDS. But as a filmmaker, he was also looking for a story to tell.

It soon emerged. The film would focus on Stanley Monageng, an HIV/AIDS activist who walked to Botswana villages to raise AIDS awareness. The team filmed Monageng's longest walk, over 370 kilometers, stopping at the kgotlas (town halls) for talks and events.

*"Ke mo Leseding,"* (Into the Light) premiered in 2021. "This whole story is just like the walk; one foot in front of the other," said Paul.

[Read more of Paul's story >](#)



At Work in the World

# Asia



## Project Locations

- |   |             |   |             |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| 1 | Cambodia    | 6 | Sri Lanka   |
| 2 | Indonesia   | 7 | Thailand    |
| 3 | Mongolia    | 8 | Timor-Leste |
| 4 | Nepal       | 9 | Viet Nam    |
| 5 | Philippines |   |             |





## Volunteer Story

# Glynn Pogue

Cambodia, Education

# A Welcoming Community Means Everything

Glynn Pogue is both a returned Peace Corps Volunteer and a graduate of a historically Black university. How did that affect her daily life in her service community?

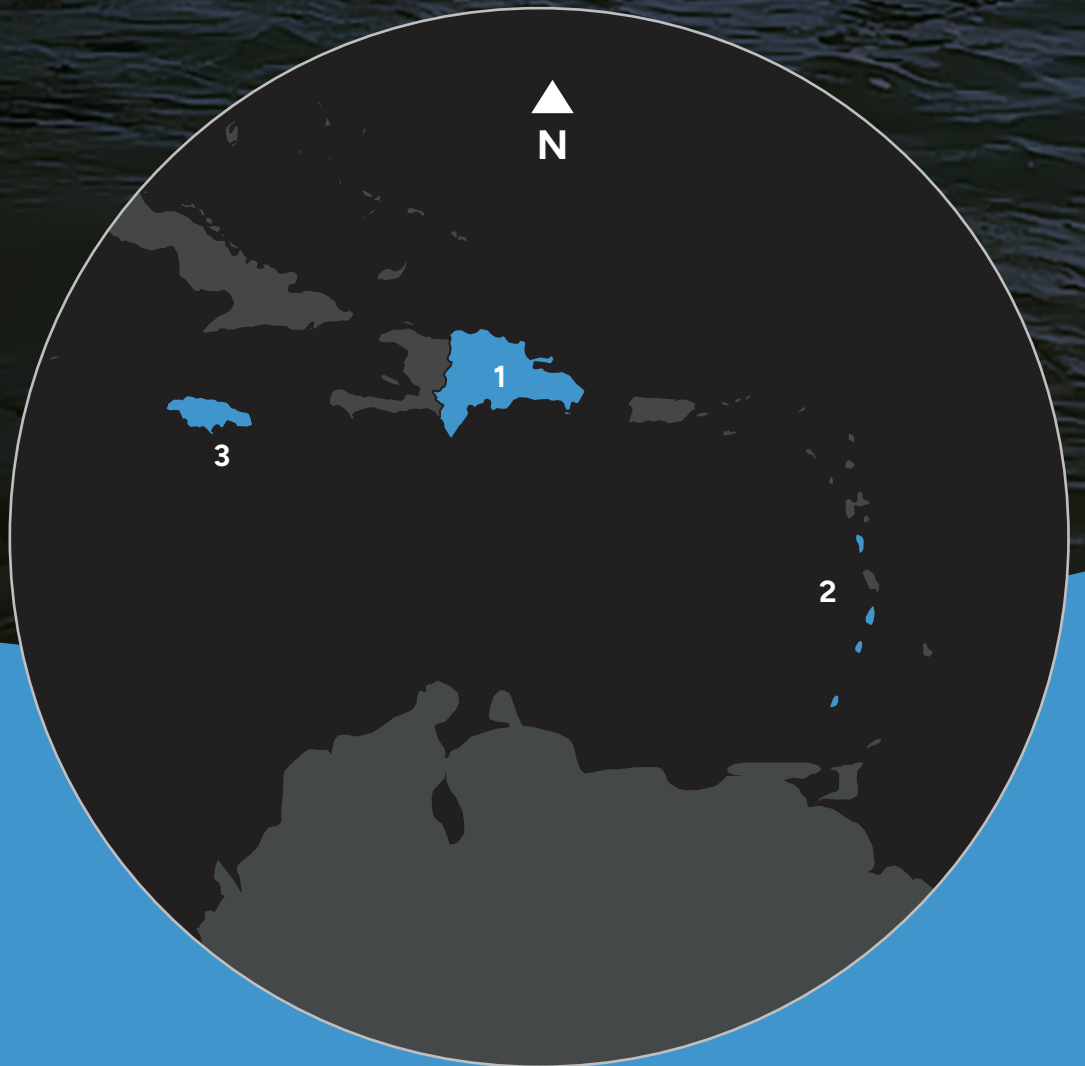
"I come from a community in Brooklyn where you know your neighbors and look out for each other. Those things were the same in my village. I felt so held by my community. As much as I would feel like I was getting a breath of fresh air during weekends away with my Peace Corps friends, I would breathe sighs of relief and calm when I got back to my village because it was home. It still feels like home."

[Read more of Glynn's story >](#)



At Work in the World

# Caribbean



## Project Locations

- 1 Dominican Republic
- 2 Eastern Caribbean
  - Dominica
  - Grenada
  - St. Lucia
  - St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 3 Jamaica





## Volunteer Story

### Jenni Odom

Jamaica, Health and Environment

# Self-Care, Strength, and Sisterhood

Jenni Odom did a lot. She focused on health and environment in rural Jamaica. She also formed a young women's group — using self-care to help build confidence, inner strength, and sisterhood.

"Working with these young women was special because they reminded me of myself when I was younger," Jenni said. "They were outgoing, they taught me about their language and culture, and their energy kept me going."

One of the group members, Sherika, said that "Jenni has taught me how to be a leader." Another member, Anastacia, added, "With her encouragement, we have felt empowered."

[Read more of Jenni's story >](#)



At Work in the World

# Central America & Mexico



## Project Locations

- |   |            |   |        |
|---|------------|---|--------|
| 1 | Belize     | 4 | Mexico |
| 2 | Costa Rica | 5 | Panama |
| 3 | Guatemala  |   |        |



# Central America & Mexico



## Volunteer Story

### Simon Roca

Panama, Community Economic Development

# Service that Sparked a Super(food) Startup

As a Volunteer, Simon Roca worked on a variety of income-generating projects in his rural community in Panama. During his Panama training, he had seen a video about coffee cherries (cascara) and started to research its benefits. “It has a crazy number of antioxidants and also stimulates brain functions,” he explained.

Simon began working with cascara, sourcing it from coffee farmers in Panama and Mexico — and a business was born. “We were the first to offer dried coffee cherry powder, direct to consumer.” Now his company donates a portion of its profits to the Latin American communities they source the cascara from.

Simon feels his service was critical to his success, building cross-cultural communication and language skills. “It’s such a highlight on your resume. Many more doors open after your Peace Corps experience.”

[Read more of Simon’s story >](#)





At Work in the World

# Eastern Europe & Central Asia



## Project Locations

- |   |                 |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Albania         | 6 | Moldova         |
| 2 | Armenia         | 7 | Montenegro      |
| 3 | Georgia         | 8 | North Macedonia |
| 4 | Kosovo          | 9 | Ukraine         |
| 5 | Kyrgyz Republic |   |                 |



# Eastern Europe & Central Asia



## Volunteer Story

### Barbara Jue

Moldova, Community Economic Development

## Older Volunteer? Just Go Do It!

The child of Chinese immigrants, Barbara Jue had worked hard to build a successful career as a human resources professional. In retirement, she was still looking for a way to feed her curiosity, volunteer internationally, and live the life of a local in a different country. "The Peace Corps gave me a way to embrace a new purpose and leverage my business experience," she says.

Barbara served in Moldova, where she worked with a women's business association to develop small enterprises. She found her service to be transformative. "I would advise older Volunteers to just go do it! I loved my experience as a Volunteer."

[Read more of Barbara's story >](#)



At Work in the World

# Pacific Islands



## Project Locations

- |   |       |   |         |
|---|-------|---|---------|
| 1 | Fiji  | 3 | Tonga   |
| 2 | Samoa | 4 | Vanuatu |



# Pacific Islands



## Volunteer Story

### Briana Nezbah Edmo

Tonga, Education

# Walking in Five Worlds

As a Native American, Briana Nezbah Edmo says she had to walk in two worlds — one where she learned Native traditions, culture, and values, and the other living a mainstream American lifestyle.

But as an Education Volunteer in Tonga, she walked in five worlds at the same time — as “a Volunteer, an American, and a foreigner, while holding true to who I was as an Indigenous person and a woman.”

“The North Star of my career is and will always be helping Indigenous communities,” says Briana. “Every day, I use what I learned in the Peace Corps about navigating intercultural exchanges and empowering independent action.”

[Read more of Briana's story >](#)



At Work in the World

# South America



## Project Locations

- |   |          |   |          |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| 1 | Colombia | 4 | Paraguay |
| 2 | Ecuador  | 5 | Peru     |
| 3 | Guyana   |   |          |



# South America



## Volunteer Story

### Russell “Lobo” Bucher, aka Wolfgang

Ecuador, Youth in Development

## More Than a Nickname

Russell Bucher’s chosen name is Wolfgang. “When I got to Ecuador, I gave myself a nickname,” he says. He became Lobo, the Spanish translation of wolf.

“It was my first real step towards integrating into my community. Once someone knew my nickname, they recognized me everywhere.” Getting to know families led to relationships and sustainable programs, camps for boys and girls, Escuela Para Padres programs, and an annual arts and culture festival.

As he prepared to move away from his community, Lobo savored his time before he left “these people, my pack.” And on his last day, he said, “I’ll let out one long, grateful howl.”

[Read more of Russell’s story >](#)



# Benefits

# The support you need to **succeed**

The Peace Corps asks a lot of you, so we offer support and benefits to help you succeed — during and after service.

## Support While You Serve

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### Travel

We take care of the travel to get you to and from your host country at the start of and the completion of your service.

### Stipend

We pay you a monthly stipend to cover expenses such as food, local travel, and incidentals. Housing costs are covered separately by the Peace Corps.

### Vacation Time

You accrue two vacation days per month of service, along with your host country's holidays.

### Medical & Dental Reimbursement

We cover your medical and dental care needs, including

preventative care, during your training, service, or on vacation.

In the case of a health problem that cannot be treated in your host country, you will be sent to a nearby country or the U.S. for treatment at no cost to you.

### Student Loan Assistance

Volunteers qualify for the Department of Education Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Several federal programs and private loans may also qualify for further deferment or forgiveness. Ask your lender about your specific loan and learn more at [peacecorps.gov/loans](https://peacecorps.gov/loans).



# Success After You Serve

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## Transition Funds

Volunteers who complete service receive more than \$10,000 (pre-tax) to help you resettle upon your close of service.

## Graduate School Benefits

Qualify for reduced tuition, assistantships, and stipends at 120+ campuses through the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program for returned Volunteers.

Explore options at [peacecorps.gov/fellows](https://peacecorps.gov/fellows).

## Professional Skills

You'll find that your Volunteer service will expand your skill sets — demonstrating international experience, intercultural competence, extreme adaptability, and other transferable skills valued by employers.

## Fuel for Your Job Search

Get exclusive access to career fairs and to a large, active network of returned Volunteers.

Learn more at [peacecorps.gov/careers](https://peacecorps.gov/careers).

## Extra Edge for Federal Jobs

Enjoy one year of non-competitive eligibility (NCE) which provides faster application process and enhanced desirability. Get details at [peacecorps.gov/nce](https://peacecorps.gov/nce).

## Additional Service Opportunities

Qualify to serve again through the Peace Corps Response program, which offers specialized short-term assignments, or participate in the Peace Corps Virtual Service Pilot.

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## FAQs

# Let's talk specifics

## Application Process

### How long will my Peace Corps application take to complete?

The online application takes about an hour to fill out. Please be thorough and detailed in the information you provide to help the Peace Corps review your application as quickly as possible.

### Who can apply?

You need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible for Peace Corps service and you must be at least 18 years old to apply.

### When should I apply?

Volunteer opportunities change quarterly and vary by time of year. Each open position has clear apply-by, know-by, and depart-by dates. Generally, the time between application and departure is 6-9 months.

### Can I apply for a specific position or for general consideration?

Yes to both! You can apply to a specific country and position or opt to serve where you

are needed most. Browse our current Volunteer openings at [peacecorps.gov/openings](https://peacecorps.gov/openings).

## Training

### What if I don't have experience living abroad or don't speak another language?

As a Volunteer, you will participate in a 2-to-3-month-long pre-service training where you begin to learn the language. You will also develop technical, health, safety, and cultural competence skills while bonding with a host family and building relationships with your community.

## Living Conditions

### Where will I live?

After your pre-service training, you will be assigned to a site in your host country. The Peace Corps will find housing for you. You may be living alone in a house, in a city apartment with a host family, or even in a yurt! We carefully vet the location to make sure it meets Peace Corps' standards for safety and provides for your basic needs.



## Finances

### Will I get paid?

During service, your living expenses are covered. You will receive free housing and a monthly stipend for food, local travel, and other incidentals. The Peace Corps will also cover your travel to and from your host country at the start of and conclusion of service.

## Schedule

### How much will I work?

Schedules and workload vary by location and assignment. You might teach six days a week, or work from nine to five with a local organization, or set your own schedule. When it comes to free time, you can choose to spend it in recreation, with your community, or use up to twenty percent of your time on a secondary project that you can develop from scratch.

## Support Abroad

### What support is available to me while I'm serving?

You will have access to support staff and be part of a local community. All Peace Corps host countries have an office managed by a country director with a dedicated staff, including program managers and a safety and security manager. Additionally, you can always reach on-call medical personnel 24/7.

## Communicating While Abroad

### Can I keep in touch with family and friends back home?

Yes, of course! Volunteers have access to text messaging, email, social media, phone service, and regular mail, though the specifics depend on your site. You can also stay in touch by inviting family and friends from home to visit you in your host community.

## Safety & Security

### What can I do if I feel unsafe, or in case of an emergency?

The Peace Corps is a federal agency and part of the U.S. government. Wherever you serve, it's our priority to make sure you have the support you need to stay as healthy and safe as possible. Each Peace Corps host country has a specific emergency action plan in case of natural disasters, civil unrest, and other safety risks — and offers 24/7 emergency support.

The Peace Corps has devoted in-country safety and security managers who are available in the event of any emergency. Part of your Volunteer training includes who to contact, what to do, and where to go if you ever feel unsafe. Learn more about safety and security at [peacecorps.gov/safety](https://peacecorps.gov/safety).



## Family Emergencies

### What if there is an emergency back home? Will I be able to leave my Peace Corps site?

Your family can contact you in the case of an emergency, either directly or through a 24-hour duty officer at Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. If a serious illness or death occurs in your immediate family, the Peace Corps allows a two-week leave period and pays for your round-trip travel home. With your country director's approval, you may take leave and travel at your own expense for emergencies affecting extended family.

## Diversity

### Will my race, sexual orientation, age, gender, or disability affect my service?

The Peace Corps believes that diverse perspectives, experiences, and abilities are an

asset and critical to effectively delivering on our mission. We actively recruit people from a variety of backgrounds. Connect with a recruiter if you have questions about the cultural norms and conditions you may encounter. Learn more at [peacecorps.gov/diversity](https://peacecorps.gov/diversity).

## Serving as a Couple

### Can couples serve together?

Yes, you can serve in the Peace Corps together with your spouse or domestic partner, including same-sex couples. But, like solo applicants, couples must individually complete an application. You'll only be considered for opportunities that accommodate both your skill sets.



# Applying

# The path to service

## Find Your Place in the World: Two Ways to Apply

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### Option 1

#### Apply directly to a position under Volunteer Openings

Choose this option if you are interested in a specific country or sector, or if you have a skill set that is a strong fit for a position.

Find the latest open positions at [peacecorps.gov/openings](https://peacecorps.gov/openings).

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### Option 2

#### Apply to serve where you are needed most

If you are open to serving anywhere, we will review your application and match your skills and preferences to a position.

Get started at [peacecorps.gov/serve-anywhere](https://peacecorps.gov/serve-anywhere).



# Plan Your Journey to Service

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## Service Timeline

Here's the timeline for service, from application to departure.

<b>Openings Posted By:</b> August 1	<b>Apply By:</b> <b>January 1</b>	<b>Know By:</b> March 1	<b>Depart By:</b> July - September
<b>Openings Posted By:</b> November 1	<b>Apply By:</b> <b>April 1</b>	<b>Know By:</b> June 1	<b>Depart By:</b> October - December
<b>Openings Posted By:</b> February 1	<b>Apply By:</b> <b>July 1</b>	<b>Know By:</b> September 1	<b>Depart By:</b> January - March
<b>Openings Posted By:</b> May 1	<b>Apply By:</b> <b>October 1</b>	<b>Know By:</b> December 1	<b>Depart By:</b> April - June

## Application Tips

When you're ready to apply, keep these tips in mind:

- **Apply early.**
- **Connect with a recruiter to find the best fit for your skills and interest.**
- **Tailor your resume to the specific position.**
- **Attend recruitment events that will help guide you through the application process.**

Connect with a recruiter to guide you through the application process at [peacecorps.gov/recruiters](https://peacecorps.gov/recruiters). Based on past metrics, working with a recruiter increases your odds of becoming a Volunteer by 55%.





**Join Us**

# Ready to apply?

Here are some key steps in your application process.



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**1 Browse** Search openings and apply to the one that best fits your skills and interests; or apply to serve where you're needed most and we'll match your skills to a fitting position.

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**2 Apply** Fill out the online application. It takes about an hour. You can have one active application at a time.

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**3 Health History** Complete the health history form so we can start to understand your individual health needs.

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**4 Interview** Participate in a virtual interview, if you receive a request.

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**5 Invitation** If selected, receive a conditional invitation to serve.

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**6 Clearance** Provide additional medical information; our medical team certifies that appropriate medical support will be available at your site. Provide additional legal information; our legal team does a background check to make sure you're good to go.

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**7 Onboarding** Complete the required documentation two months prior to departure.

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**8 Depart** Embark on a life-defining service journey.

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# We are the Peace Corps.

In more than 60 countries, we go all in and go all out. We are Volunteers, partners, communities — working together, living together. Bringing our experience, passion, and joy to building a better world. Together. We are powered by connection. We are driven by purpose.

## Join us.

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**Connect with us**

