

Post Graduate Service Opportunity Guide



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Exploring Long-term Service Options

1. What are your motivations for volunteering?
 - A simple exercise would be to list the reasons why you are thinking of volunteering. (i.e. professional, spiritual growth, personal growth, opportunity to serve, exploration of a simple lifestyle, community support, work for social justice, cultural education)
 - Do you have a genuine interest to learn or are you trying to avoid something?
2. What type of program do you want?
 - There are all types of programs. Do some research into the various programs and begin to narrow your choices. Program features vary and include:
 - Domestic versus international
 - Urban versus Rural
 - Secular versus Faith-Based
 - Individual oriented versus community oriented structured program versus self-initiated travel/work
 - One year (or shorter) versus two years (or longer)
 - AmeriCorps sponsored programs, which include an educational award at the conclusion of service
 - Programs that include earning a master's degree

3. What types of service interest you?

Advocacy	Business	Community organization
Environment	Health care	Homeless services
Prison work	Domestic violence	Family services
Legal aid	Youth work	Parish ministries
Peace and justice	Elderly outreach	Educators
Refuge resettlement	Counseling	Volunteer coordination
Building trades	Working with a specific population?	

4. How will this experience affect my future career plans and goals?
 - What do I hope to gain from this experience?
 - What would be some of the benefits and losses of a volunteer experience on my future graduate school and/or career plans?

5. How will this affect my relationships?
 - With my family?
 - Will my parents accept the idea?
 - With my partner?

6. Questions to explore with Program
 - *Financial:*
 - Stipend
 - Loan deferment
 - Room & Board
 - Health Insurance (especially if you have special needs)

 - *Language:*
 - Is language training a part of the program?
 - Do I need to be proficient in a second language for certain placements?

 - *Support systems:*
 - Is there a local support person or community?
 - Are there times throughout the year when volunteers gather together?
 - Is a mentor or spiritual director accessible?

 - *Transportation:*
 - Is funding provided to pay for transportation to the service site or to orientation?
 - How do you get to work?

 - *Application Process:*
 - Paperwork
 - Is a personal interview required?
 - Length of time for completion of process & cost
 - May I call a former volunteer?

 - *What is your program's focus?*
 - Spiritual
 - Service / Social Justice
 - Community
 - Simple Lifestyle

Domestic & International		Faith Based	Locations	Characteristics
Alaska Radio Mission--KNOM	www.knom.org	no	Alaska	Begin a career in radio
Asso. Miss. of the Assumption	www.assumptionvolunteers.org	yes	Europe, Asia, Africa, US	1-Year International
Augustinian Volunteers	www.osavol.org	yes	Int & Domestic	One year intl. option
Amate House	www.amatehouse.org	yes	Chicago	AmeriCorps/August-June
Avodah:Jewish Service Corps	www.avodah.net	yes	NYC and DC	AmeriCorps
AmeriCorps	www.americorps	no	Throughout US	Variety of placements
Brethern Volunteer Service	http://www.brethrenvolunteerservice.org/	yes	France, Japan, Brazil, US	Variety of placements
Boys Hope/Girls Hope	www.boyshopegirlshope.org	no	16 US cities	Live with scholars/ staff
Cabrini Mission Corps	www.cabrini-missioncorps.org	yes	CO, IL,NY, PA	3 Intl. sites women
Camphill Communities	www.camphill.org	no	10 North Amer. Sites	Focus on people with devolp. disabilt.
Christian Appalachian Project	www.chrisapp.org	yes	E. Kentucky	AmeriCorps
City Year	www.cityyear.org	no	17 US Sites	AmeriCorps
Claretian Volunteers	www.claretianvolunteers.org	yes	IL, MO, GA, NJ	International after domestic
Cap Corps	www.capuchin.org	yes	Int & Domestic	AmeriCorps
Colorado Vincentian	www.covivo.org	yes	Denver	AmeriCorps
Comboni Lay Missionary	www.laymission-comboni.org	yes	3 years: Peru,	Brazil, Kenya, Ghana
Covenant House Faith	www.covenanthouse.org	yes	NY, NJ, FL, Canada	AmeriCorps/stipend at end
Crispaz	www.crispaz.org	yes	El Salvador	15 months/fundraising
Dominican Volunteers USA	www.domvolsusa.org	yes	Throughout US	10 month commitment
Franciscan Volunteers Ministry	www.fvm89.org	yes	Buffalo, Philly, DE	Sites include prison work
Family Lifeline Volunteers	www.familylifelinevolunteers.org	yes	NY & MA	Emphasis on health care
Franciscan Mission Service	www.franciscanmissionservice.catholic.edu	yes	global	3 years-rolling admissions
Glenmary Home Missioners	www.glenmary.org	yes	Appalachia, South	60 mission sites
Good Shepherd Volunteers	www.gsvolunteers.org	yes	5 US, 3 international	AmeriCorps
Haiti-Quest	-	yes	Haiti	1-Year International
Holy Cross Associates	www.holycrossassociates.nd.edu	yes	6 US, Chile	15 service opportunities
Jesuit Volunteers Corps	www.jesuitvolunteers.org	yes	Int & Domestic	Largest US corps/10 internat. Sites
LaSallian Volunteers	www.cbconf.org/volunteers-contact.html	yes	18 US cities	1/4 of volunteers serve 2 years
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Lutheran Volunteers Corps	www.lvchome.org	yes	9 US cities	2/3 of volunteers are Lutheran
Maggie's Place	www.maggiesplace.org	yes	Domestic	focus on expectant women
Marianist Voluntary Service	www.marianist.udayton.edu/mvsc.com.html	yes	Ohio and New York	focus on the urban poor
Marist Volunteer Program	www.marist.net	yes	int & Domestic	one year international opt.
MercyWorks	www.mercyhome.org	yes	Chicago	AmeriCorps/Live in Mercy Home
Mercy Volunteer Corps	www.mercyvolunteers.org	yes	12 US cities	Also South America
Mennonite Voluntary Service	www.service.mennoniteMission.net	yes	30 Namerica cities	2 year is encouraged
Mission Project--LA	www.holynames.net	yes	South Los Angeles	women only
Missionary Cenacle	www.TMC3.org	yes	12 US cities, 3 Intern	Mexico, Costa Rica, Prico (1 year)
New Orleans Volunteers	www.novsc.org	yes	LA, MS, AL	Men only. 2nd year international option
Norte Dame Mission	www.ndmva.org	yes	Int & Domestic	\$10,197 living allowance /Kenya option
Passionist Lay Missioners	www.passionist.org/plm	yes	Chicago	1 year renewable
Passionist Volunteer	www.passionistvolunteer.org	yes	WV, TX, NY	AmeriCorp Edu. Award
Passionist Volunteer Intl.	www.passionistvolunteer.org	yes	West Indies, Honduras	One year international opt.
Peace Corps	www.peacecorps.org	no	world-wide	2 year placements
Red Cloud Volunteers	www.redcloudschool.org	yes	Oglala Sioux Reservation	AmeriCorps Edu. Voucher
Redeemer Ministry Corps	www.sistersholyredeemer.org	yes	Philly & NJ	Live w/ sisters/AmeriCorps
Salesian Lay Missioners	www.salesians.org/slm/	yes	5 US cities, 9 internation.	1 to 3 year commitment
Samaritan Inns	www.samaritaninns.org	no	Washington DC	Live with residents
VIDA	vida@slvccs.org	yes	Southern Colorado	January and August placements
Vincentian Service Corps	www.vscorps.org	yes	throughout US	England placemnt avail.
Volunteers for Life	www.volunteersforlife.org	yes	Los Angeles	Focus on life issues
TEACHING				
Alliance for Catholic Ed.	www.nd.edu/~ace	yes	Southern US	Masters in teaching
Cristo Rey	www.cristorey.net	yes	Chicago	Jesuit alums preferred
EPICS	www.education.shu.edu	yes	Seton Hall University	Masters in teaching
Inner-City Teaching Corps	www.ictc-chicago.org	yes	Chicago	Earn credits towards masters
Lalanne	www.udayton.edu/~lalanne	yes	University of Dayton	Masters in teaching
LU_Choice	www.luc.edu/schools/education/choice	yes	Loyola Univ. Chicago	Masters in teaching
Magis	www.puffin.creighton.edu/edu/MAGIS	yes	Creighton University	Masters in teaching

Maryknoll	www.maryknoll.org	yes	China	1 year
Operation Teach	www.ndm.edu	yes	College of Notre Dame	Masters in teaching
PACE	www.up.edu	yes	University of Portland	Masters in teaching
PLACE CORPS	http://www.lmu.edu/education/PLACE/	yes	Loyola Marymount Univ.	Masters in teaching
PACT	www.providence.edu/pact	yes	Providence College	Masters in teaching
Red Cloud Volunteers	www.redcloudschool.org	yes	Pine Ridge, Sdakota	1 year renewable
Response-Ability	www.ravolunteers.org	yes	PA, LA, DC	Masters in teaching
Teach for America	www.teachforamerica.org	no	Throughout US	Teacher training/ Community optional
Rosto de Cristo Mission	www.rostrodecristo.org	yes	Ecuador	1 year
World Teach	www.worldteach.org	no	8 countries	3 months to 1 year
Xaverian Brothers Volunteers	www.xaverianbrothers.org	yes	Haiti	1 year--men only