

Peace Corps Response Expands Program

The Peace Corps has expanded Peace Corps Response, a program that offers short-term specialized overseas assignments, to include Americans with at least 10 years of work experience and medical professionals. Peace Corps Response historically was only available to eligible returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

What is Peace Corps Response?

Peace Corps Response offers seasoned professionals the opportunity to undertake short-term, high-impact assignments in various programs around the world. Positions average six months in length and are designed to address development needs as identified by the host country.

Training for Peace Corps Response Volunteers can be as short as a few days or as long as 14 days. Training covers topics such as medical care, safety and security, and project-specific information. Peace Corps Response Volunteers may also participate in cultural orientation sessions and limited language training, in addition to a short homestay in some countries.

What Do Peace Corps Response Volunteers Do?

Peace Corps Response Volunteers provide targeted assistance in challenging and diverse assignments. Examples of these assignments include university-level teaching professionals, disaster preparedness and mitigation coordinators, physician and nurse educators, and microfinance training consultants. Peace Corps Response Volunteers must already have the necessary language, technical, and cross-cultural skills needed to excel in their assignments. Additionally, they must be flexible, motivated, and culturally sensitive individuals who can adapt to changing situations and effectively engage diverse populations.

Are you a medical professional?

Peace Corps Response has several high impact positions available for doctors and nurses through the Global Health Service Partnership. These Volunteers will serve as adjunct faculty in medical or nursing schools of partnering countries.

What are the Benefits of Serving?

Peace Corps Response Volunteers receive many of the same benefits as Peace Corps Volunteers, including: transportation to and from their country of service; settling-in and living allowance; two vacation days per month of service; medical care; and for those who complete their service, the option to receive cash-in-lieu of a return plane ticket. In addition, Peace Corps Response Volunteers receive a readjustment allowance of \$375 for each month of service.

What is the Application Process?

Peace Corps Response applicants may apply to specific positions in a country of their choice. The online application generally takes 15-30 minutes to complete. Available positions may be viewed at www.peacecorps.gov/response/apply.

Competitive candidates undergo a telephone interview, reference checks, and medical and legal clearances. Applicants may review their status by logging into their profile on the Peace Corps Response application webpage.

Questions?

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