

# BENEFITS OF SERVICE

You work to improve the lives of people in communities around the world; the Peace Corps has you covered with a wide range of benefits during and after service.

## Benefits During Service

The benefits of Peace Corps Volunteer service lasts a lifetime.

### LIVING STIPEND AND VACATION TIME

The Peace Corps provides each Volunteer with a living stipend that enables one to live in a manner similar to the local people in his or her community, covering housing, food, and incidentals. Additionally, Volunteers receive two vacation days per month of service—a total of 48 days over two years. Many use this time to travel to nearby countries, invite family or friends to visit, or take a trip home (at their own expense).

### FULL MEDICAL AND DENTAL COVERAGE

The Peace Corps provides complete medical and dental care during service and covers all related expenses, including those incurred during the training period and while Volunteers are on vacation or any type of leave. If a health problem occurs that cannot be treated locally, the Peace Corps, at its own expense, will send the Volunteer to an appropriate facility in a nearby country or the United States. Volunteers are also eligible for affordable healthcare insurance options following service.

### STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE

Volunteers with Perkins Loans may be eligible for a partial cancellation benefit. School loan deferments exist for several federal programs e.g., Stafford, Perkins, direct, and consolidated loans. Some commercial loans may also be deferred during Peace Corps service. Talk to your lending institution about how this benefit applies to your particular situation.



## Benefits Overview

- Living stipend and vacation time
- Full medical and dental coverage
- Student loan assistance
- Unique graduate school opportunities
- Transition funds after service
- Marketable professional skills
- Advantages in federal employment
- Transition and job search services
- Peace Corps Response Opportunities
- Travel to and from country of service
- Technical training and career services

“Peace Corps Volunteers receive benefits and professional development. One of the biggest professional benefits for me was becoming part of an expansive network of diverse returned Peace Corps Volunteer peers who generously help newly minted RPCVs find their place in the world. The training and experience you receive conducting data management, project design and management, grant writing, and managing budgets, combined with unique experiences that change your perspective on the world, are also highly valued by potential employers.”

**DR. STACEY KELLEY**  
VOLUNTEER IN COSTA RICA



## Benefits After Service

### MARKETABLE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Fluency in foreign languages, international experience, and intercultural understanding are highly sought assets in today's global economy. The Peace Corps provides Volunteers with up to three months of intensive language, intercultural, and technical training before service begins, and offers continued training throughout service.

### CAREER SERVICES

The Peace Corps publishes an online job board of opportunities compatible with returning Volunteers' experience, sponsors career events throughout the United States, and helps returned Volunteers translate their field experience for prospective employers and other professional contacts. Check out [peacecorps.gov/engage](https://peacecorps.gov/engage) to find out more.

### ADVANTAGES IN FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT AND WITH PEACE CORPS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Returned Volunteers receive one year of noncompetitive eligibility for employment in the federal government. This means that, at the hiring agency's discretion, if a returned Volunteer meets the minimum qualifications for a position, he or she can be hired without going through the standard competitive process. Those who are employed by the federal government after their Peace Corps service can receive credit toward federal retirement and employee benefits for their years of Volunteer service.

Visit [peacecorps.gov/nce](https://peacecorps.gov/nce) for more information.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Returned Volunteers have lifetime eligibility for reduced tuition, assistantships, and stipends at more than 90 universities in a variety of subject areas through the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program. Fellows combine graduate study with substantive, degree-related internships that help meet the needs of underserved U.S. communities. A list of participating schools and fields of study can be found at [peacecorps.gov/fellows](https://peacecorps.gov/fellows).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH PEACE CORPS RESPONSE

Peace Corps Response is a program that offers short-term, high-impact assignments abroad for returned Volunteers and other seasoned professionals with several years of experience. Visit [peacecorps.gov/response](https://peacecorps.gov/response) for details.



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