



# GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

For returned Peace Corps Volunteers, graduate school is more affordable and engaging through the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program.

## The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program

When you are ready to attend graduate school, we are ready to help. The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program offers financial assistance and professional internships to returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

### GET GRAD SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers can receive substantial financial aid to pursue over 300 types of master's or doctorate degrees in a wide variety of subject areas through the Coverdell Fellows Program.

Returned Volunteers have lifetime eligibility for the program and may choose to participate as soon as they successfully complete Peace Corps service.

Coverdell Fellows receive scholarships and participate in professional internships in underserved American communities, helping them prepare for careers in a wide range of disciplines.

### FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

**Financial Assistance:** Receive financial aid that may include tuition reduction, a full scholarship, or stipend.

**Professional Experience:** Apply what is learned in the classroom to a professional setting.

**Helping Others:** Provide much-needed assistance to underserved communities in the United States.

**Federal Employment:** Extend noncompetitive eligibility status, which eases the hiring process for federal employment for up to three years as a full-time student. Visit [peacecorps.gov/nce](https://peacecorps.gov/nce) for more information.

“The search for master's degree funding is challenging. I was grateful that my experience in the Peace Corps put me in a special category at my school, which provided tuition forgiveness and a paid internship.”

**DEBBIE CURLEY**  
VOLUNTEER IN CAMEROON  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



### Degree Programs

Currently more than 100 universities offer Coverdell Fellowships for over 300 graduate degree types in such fields as:

- Public administration and policy
- Community/economic development
- Teacher education and certification
- Environmental and agricultural sciences
- Business, law and international affairs
- Public health, nursing and social work
- Sciences, IT and engineering

Visit [peacecorps.gov/fellows](https://peacecorps.gov/fellows) for a list of participating schools and fields of study.

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