Post Graduate Service

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.”

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Would you like to continue your volunteer service after graduation? Explore new locations both domestically and abroad? Gain valuable work experience? If you answered yes to these questions, then you might want to consider participating in a post graduate service opportunity.

While the listing below is far from exhaustive, it gives you a taste of some of the different options that are available:


**About:**

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship.

Since that time, 210,000+ Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation.

Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and contributing to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

*Learn more about the Peace Corps when they visit campus on Oct. 29th, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Lawson Hall Room 161.*
Unite for Sight: [http://www.uniteforsight.org/](http://www.uniteforsight.org/)

**About:**

Unite For Sight supports eye clinics worldwide by investing human and financial resources in their social ventures to eliminate patient barriers to eye care. Unite For Sight applies best practices in eye care, public health, volunteerism, and social entrepreneurship to achieve our goal of high-quality eye care for all. The programs are locally led and managed by ophthalmologists at Unite For Sight's partner eye clinics. Unite For Sight's international eye care services with partner local eye clinics are provided year-round and are comprehensive, including examinations by local eye doctors, diagnosis and care for treatable conditions, education, and preventative care. Outreach services are brought to the people in their villages, in some cases including villages seven or more hours from the clinics. These patients are provided with regular follow-up care by our outreach teams throughout the year. To date, we have provided eye care services to more than 1.3 million people worldwide, including more than 55,000 sight-restoring surgeries.


**About:**

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program seeks to help enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations. The program also aims to improve foreign language education in Japan and to encourage international exchange at the local level by fostering ties between Japanese youth and foreign youth.

The objectives of the program are being achieved by offering JET Program participants, (hereinafter, participants) the opportunity to serve in local government offices as well as public and private elementary schools, junior high and senior high schools.

The program is conducted by local authorities and other organizations (hereinafter, contracting organizations) of Japan in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and
Technology, and the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (hereinafter, CLAIR).

The program started in 1987 with the cooperation of the governments of the participating countries. As of July 2011, there were 4330 participants in the program from 39 countries.

As the JET Program has achieved an excellent reputation over the last 25 years, it is of great importance that this high level of respectability be maintained. Participants are invited to Japan as representatives of their countries. Therefore, they are expected to be responsible in all of their activities, especially those concerning the promotion of mutual understanding between nations. It is desirable that participants be adaptable and have a positive interest in Japan.

Participants are appointed by a contracting organization for a one-year period. The cost of transportation from the participants' country of origin to Japan, as well as remuneration, is funded by taxpayers of the contracting organization where the participant is employed. Because participants serve as civil servants of their contracting organizations they are required to uphold appropriate behavior. Withdrawal from the program after placement assignment or early termination of appointment should be avoided as it greatly inconveniences contracting organizations.


About:

The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) was founded in 1967 to help instill in young people an appreciation for the American form of government and the free enterprise system. TFAS sponsors Institutes that teach college students about the principles and values upon which the United States was founded.
Teach for America:  http://www.teachforamerica.org/

About:

All kids—no matter where they live, how much money their parents make, or what their skin color is—deserve access to a great education. But in our country today, a significant achievement gap exists between low-income children and their wealthier peers. It’s not easy to close this gap, but hundreds of proof points show that it’s possible. It takes committed leaders in our classrooms today who will continue to fight for students tomorrow. Teach For America’s mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by developing such leaders.

We recruit committed recent college graduates and professionals of all backgrounds to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. We train and develop these corps members so that they have an immediate positive impact on their students.

We foster the leadership of our alumni as they address this problem from all sectors.

The work we do is about people—our students, who have the potential to achieve at the highest levels, and their parents, who want the best for them; our corps members, who work relentlessly to put their students on different academic trajectories; our alumni, who work in education and across all sectors to accelerate the pace of change; and our staff members, supporters, and partners, who make our efforts possible. These individuals bring a rich diversity of experiences to our work but are united by a shared vision that one day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.

In the 2012-13 school year, more than 10,000 corps members will teach 750,000 students while nearly 28,000 alumni will continue to deepen their impact as educational leaders and advocates.

**About:**

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. It’s a chance to apply your skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in the community.

Each year, AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. Whether your service makes a community safer, gives a child a second chance, or helps protect the environment, you’ll be getting things done through AmeriCorps!

AmeriCorps members address critical needs in communities all across America. As an AmeriCorps member, you can:

- Tutor and mentor disadvantaged youth
- Fight illiteracy
- Improve health services
- Build affordable housing
- Teach computer skills
- Clean parks and streams
- Manage or operate after-school program
- Help communities respond to disasters
- Build organizational capacity

AmeriCorps members receive pre-service and in-service training, career exploration, and leadership development opportunities. AmeriCorps members are eligible to receive a monthly stipend and an educational award after they complete their term of service.