



# Peace Corps

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**Making a difference in communities abroad, the lives of Volunteers, and in the United States.**

The Peace Corps sends the best and brightest Americans abroad on behalf of the United States to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world. Volunteers work at the grassroots level to develop sustainable solutions that address challenges in education, health, economic development, agriculture, environment and youth development. Through their service, volunteers gain a unique cultural understanding and a life-long commitment to service that positions them to succeed in today's global economy.

When they return home, volunteers bring their knowledge and experiences – and a global outlook – back to the United States that enriches the lives of those around them. President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961 to foster a better understanding among Americans and people of other countries. Throughout Peace Corps 54-year history, nearly 220,000 Americans of all ages have served in 140 countries worldwide.

The Ohio State University is the fourth highest producer of Peace Corps volunteers among large universities with

64 alums currently serving. Through the agency's history, 1,735 Buckeyes have served overseas, making OSU the No. 10 all-time producer of Peace Corps volunteers.

There has never been a better time to apply to Peace Corps, and reforms have made the process simpler, faster, and more personalized than ever before. In 2014, applications reached a 22-year high for the agency, with more than 17,000 Americans taking the first step toward international service. Through a one-hour online application, applicants can now choose the countries and programs they'd like to be considered for. For more information, [www.peacecorps.gov/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OSUPeaceCorps](http://www.facebook.com/OSUPeaceCorps).

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