

# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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**AIDE – (V, I)** Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Argentina, South Africa, Australia, Peru and China. Programs range in length from two weeks to one year depending on location.  
<http://www.aideabroad.org/>

**AmeriSpan – (V, I)** Various opportunities in over 30 countries. Minimum of four weeks.  
<http://www.amerispan.com/>

**Amigos de las Americas - (V, I)** Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Honduras, Dominican Republic and Paraguay. 5-8 weeks during the summer.  
<http://www.amigoslink.org/>

**Cross-Cultural Solutions (V)** -12 countries, flexible dates, one-12 weeks in length.  
<http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/>

**Cultural Embrace - (V, I)** Opportunities in Africa, Australia, India, Latin America, New Zealand, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Short and long-term opportunities available.  
<http://www.culturalembrace.com/>

**Earthwatch (V)** Assist with environmental field studies worldwide. Most projects are approximately two weeks long.  
<http://www.earthwatch.org/>

**Experiential Learning International – (V, I)** Volunteer opportunities in the developing world. South & Central America, Asia and Africa. Volunteer opportunities between 2 and 12 weeks.  
<http://www.eliabroad.org/content/view/40/76/>

**Foundation for Sustainable Development –(V,I)** Gain practical experience in international development.  
<http://www.fsdinternational.org/>

**Global Volunteers – (V)** Various opportunities worldwide. Generally three weeks long.  
<http://www.globalvolunteers.org/>

**Global Citizens Network – (V)** 15 countries, short-term opportunities with set start dates, community immersion.  
<http://www.globalcitizens.org/>

**Habitat for Humanity International – (V)** Volunteer for a Global Village Program and assist in building homes in another culture.  
<http://www.habitat.org/>

**IEP—International Education Programs (V,I)** Opportunities in Belize, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru or the Philippines. Placements can be customized by location, length and type of service. <http://www.iepabroad.org/index.php/main/bytype/id/3>

**InterExchange – (V, I)** Opportunities in Australia, New Zealand, Western Europe, South America and Africa. Placements range in length from four weeks to eight months depending on location.  
<http://www.workingabroad.org/>

**International Studies Abroad (ISA)** Opportunities to volunteer from 6-16 weeks in Costa Rica, Mexico, Argentina, Chile or Peru.  
<http://www.studiesabroad.com/programs/byDuration/7>

**ProWorld – (V, I)** Gain practical experience in international development in the areas of: youth development, education, public health and public relations/journalism. Semester, summer and winter break opportunities.  
<http://www.myproworld.org/>

**United Planet – (V)** Offering short (1-12 week) and long term (6-12 month) opportunities to volunteer in the developing world.  
<http://www.unitedplanet.org/>

**Volunteers for Peace – (V)**- an international volunteering organization that specializes in 2-3 week placements in over 100 countries.  
<http://www.vfp.org>

**World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)—(V)** A unique opportunity for students interested in organic agriculture. WWOOF is a world-wide network of organic farms that welcome workers during various seasons to assist on their farms in exchange for room and board.  
<http://www.wwoof.org/>

# Quick Guide to Volunteering Abroad

## Dates, Length and Types of Programs

It's possible to volunteer anywhere from two weeks to one year. Some organizations have set start dates and durations, while others allow you to choose your own dates and set the length of your program. Typical volunteer areas include education, community development, public health, construction and environmental conservation.

## Housing and Meals

Housing varies with the volunteer organization. Normally, students are either placed with local families in typical local housing, or stay with other volunteers in facilities owned by the volunteer organization. In most cases, at least some meals are provided by either the program or a host family. Students should be sure to investigate what their specific program provides and how many meals (if any) they are responsible for.

## Costs and Fees

Most organizations charge a fee for volunteering even though participants are providing a service to the community. Program fees vary greatly depending on the program length and location as well as services provided by their organization. Fees normally go toward housing, meals, on-site support, supplies for their project and administrative costs. Personal expenses, airfare, passport fees and the cost of some meals are normally extra. When researching volunteer opportunities, be sure to investigate which costs are covered by the organization and which are your own responsibility.

## Applying

Students should select and apply directly to the program of their choosing. Please inform us of your chosen destination by filling out a forms packet available in the Office of Education Abroad. The OEA can also help students obtain international health insurance, purchase flights, apply for a visa and research their destination.



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