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Graduate College

Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows



Peace Corps

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The University of Arizona Peace Corps

Paul D. Coverdell Fellows

Paul D. Coverdell Fellows at the UA receive financial assistance and support while pursuing advanced degrees. Fellows provide service to benefit underserved domestic communities, participate in outreach and professional development, and enjoy a supportive Peace Corps community.

Our Students

346 Fellows since 2000
60 Fellows in 2016—2017
71 current master's students
8 current doctoral students
275 master's degrees awarded
23 doctoral degrees awarded
5 students continued doctoral work elsewhere
48 national scholarships received
Boren, DAAD, Fulbright, FLAS,
Inter-American Foundation, NSF
GRFP, Fulbright-Hays, DACOR-
Bacon, CDC Fellowship, Global
Hunger Fellows, and more.

Our Program

#1 ranked 2009—2011
#2 ranked 2008, 2012—2016
#1 Peace Corps Fair
323,450 hours of service
150+ partner agencies
43 master's and doctoral
programs in **11** colleges



The University of Arizona provides competitive tuition rates, exceptional programs, distinguished faculty, and phenomenal research and internship opportunities. UA offers excellent value for high-quality academic programs—many of which are in the top 10 in the world.

The University of Arizona ranks 19th among all public institutions and colleges for research and development expenditures (NSF), is 3rd in physical sciences research, and is #37 nationally by the Center for University World Rankings. www.arizona.edu/about/highlights-rankings

Benefits of the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program

- ▶ Quarter-Time Graduate Outreach ASSISTANTSHIP
 - ▶ Tuition billed at the standard base resident rate; half of the standard base resident tuition is covered
 - ▶ Stipend of \$8,000 per academic year
 - ▶ UA individual student health insurance premium
 - ▶ 10% discount at the UA bookstore
- ▶ Professional and career DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ MENTORING & networking
- ▶ Supportive Peace Corps COMMUNITY

Awards may be revised year to year and are specified in award letters.



Commitment

- ▶ **INTERNSHIP** in an underserved domestic community
- ▶ **COLLABORATIVE SERVICE** projects
- ▶ **3RD GOAL** outreach at Peace Corps Fair, on campus, and at K-12 schools
- ▶ **LEADERSHIP** and capacity-building experience



The Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows program has allowed me to continue working towards a doctoral degree in Art Education. The amount of positive growth that coincides with this endeavor is truly extraordinary! I am able to directly relate my daily teaching experience with the research that is currently put forth in the field. Interacting with faculty and peers also allows me to create a more in-depth understanding of the theories that influence this research.

-Rebecca Shipe, RPCV Uzbekistan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Art, Rhode Island College



Academic Programs

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

- ▶ Agricultural Education (M.S.)
- ▶ Agricultural and Resource Economics (M.S.)
- ▶ School of Natural Resources & the Environment
- ▶ Arid Lands Resource Sciences (Ph.D.)
- ▶ Ecology, Management, & Restoration of Rangelands (M.S.)
- ▶ Natural Resource Studies (M.S.)
- ▶ Soil, Water & Environmental Science (M.S.)
- ▶ Watershed Management & Ecohydrology (M.S.)
- ▶ Water, Society, & Policy (M.S.)
- ▶ Wildlife or Fisheries Conservation & Management (M.S.)

College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture

- ▶ Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)
- ▶ Planning (M.S.)

College of Education

- ▶ Language, Reading, & Culture (M.A.)
- ▶ Teach Arizona (M.Ed.)
- ▶ Teaching & Teacher Education (M.A., M.Ed.)

UA South Secondary Education Program (M.Ed)

College of Engineering

- ▶ Chemical Engineering (M.S.)
- ▶ Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics (M.S.)
- ▶ Environmental Engineering (M.S.)

College of Fine Arts

- ▶ Art Education (M.A., M.F.A.)
- ▶ Museum Studies (certificate)

College of Nursing

- ▶ Nursing (M.S.)

College of Science

- ▶ Hydrology and Water Resources (M.S.)

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- ▶ English Applied Linguistics—English as a Second Language (M.A.)
- ▶ Latin American Studies (M.A.)
- ▶ Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English (M.A., Ph.D.)
- ▶ School of Anthropology (M.A., Ph.D.)
- ▶ School of Geography and Development (M.A.)
- ▶ Development Practice (M.D.P.)
- ▶ School of Government and Public Policy (M.P.A.)
- ▶ School of Information Resources and Library Sciences (M.A.)

Eller College of Management

- ▶ Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Graduate Interdisciplinary Program

- ▶ Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (Ph.D.)

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

- ▶ Environmental & Occupational Health (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Epidemiology (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Family & Child Health—Global Health (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Family & Child Health—Maternal & Child Health (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Health Behavior Health Promotion (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Public Health Policy & Management (M.P.H.)
- ▶ Public Health Practice (M.P.H.)

Dual-degree Programs

- ▶ Latin American Studies/Public Administration
- ▶ Latin American Studies/Public Health

*Coverdell Fellows generally enter as master's students, except for programs that offer only a doctorate. Additional programs may be allowed upon request. Contact us for details.



Eligibility

All Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) who satisfactorily completed their service have lifetime eligibility for Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows.

“Satisfactory completion” means the Volunteer:

- ▶ completed the full two-year tour of Peace Corps service, or the full tour minus up to 90 days if the Volunteer returned home on emergency leave;
- ▶ was granted “Early Close of Service” or “Interrupted Service” status due to circumstances that were beyond the Volunteer’s control; or
- ▶ was medically separated

Apply

- ▶ Apply to your intended University of Arizona graduate program
- ▶ Submit the online Peace Corps Coverdell Fellowship application at grad.arizona.edu/peacecorps/apply. January 15 is the preferred deadline. March 1 is final deadline.
- ▶ File the FAFSA by March 1.

Peace Corps solidified for me the importance of community empowerment and community integration. As a Peace Corps Coverdell Fellow, I not only teach English 101, 102, or 107 in the Writing Program at the University of Arizona, but I also lead a weekly informal English conversation group for Lhotshampa refugees who have been resettled in Tucson.

I view my role with the Lhotshampa as “Peace Corps Backwards.” Like my host families and counterpart in Belize did for me, I have become a cultural ambassador for the United States. I teach English to these resettled refugees, educate them about American culture, and introduce them to the local Tucson community.

I am grateful for my time in Peace Corps, where I learned how to be comfortable in unfamiliar cultural situations, and how to empower marginalized groups of people.

I am thankful to be a part of the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows community at the University of Arizona; this opportunity has given me the chance to continue the goals of Peace Corps in an official capacity in the United States.

-Jenna Altherr Flores, RPCV Belize



Director's Message

Bring service home!

The University of Arizona offers world-class academics, excellent financial support, and outstanding career connections. Fellows tell us they appreciate the support of their fellow Fellows, feel right at home here, and fall in love with Tucson.

Here you will find inspiration, connection, engagement, and a path to your chosen career globally or in the U.S. The border region offers challenging opportunities to make a difference. Apply to become a member of this spirited community! Log in to a monthly webinar and plan to visit us during Peace Corps Week or whenever you can.

Serve on,
Georgia Ehlers, Director

Peace Corps Fair

Join us on Tuesday, February 28, 2017

grad.arizona.edu/peacecorps/pcweek



Questions

Answered

Stories Told

Lives Changed

...Pass it on





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