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 Fellows
355 Fellows since 2000
53 Fellows in 2017—2018
65+ national fellowships won by Fellows from AAUW, AID, Boren, CDC, DAAD, DACOR-Bacon, DOE, Fulbright, Clinton Fulbright, FHDDRA, FLAS, Global Hunger, HUD, IAF, ICOMOS, Jack Kent Cooke, Mongolian Studies Assoc., NSF GRFP, DDIG and EAPS, PMF, UNICEF, and more.

Employers after Graduation
NGOs, government, academia, education, business and industry at home and abroad.

Our Program
#1 ranked 2009—2011
World Famous PC Fair
396,300 hours of service
$6.5 million economic impact
2000-2015
150+ partner agencies
43 master’s and doctoral programs in 11 colleges
The University of Arizona provides competitive tuition support, exceptional programs, distinguished faculty, and world class research and outreach opportunities.

**UA rankings**

19th among publics for R&D expenditures (NSF)
3rd in physical sciences research
37th by Center for University World Rankings

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**Benefits of the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program**

- Quarter-Time Graduate Outreach Assistantship
- Tuition billed at the resident rate
- Half of resident tuition covered
- Stipend of $8,000 per year
- Student health insurance premium
- 10% discount at the UA bookstore
- Professional and career DEVELOPMENT
- Peace Corps Fair and Outreach Showcase
- Travel and research support
- Mentoring & world-wide networking
- GREAT Peace Corps COMMUNITY

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

- Outreach assistantship in an underserved community
- COLLABORATIVE SERVICE projects
- 3rd GOAL outreach at PC Fair, campus, & K-12 schools
- LEADERSHIP and capacity-building experience

MENTORING & social networking
Supportive Peace Corps COMMUNITY

“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., tenure track 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.) UA
  • Teaching & Teacher Education (M.A., M.Ed.)
  • Educational Leadership

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 & Visual Culture Education (M.A., M.F.A.)
  • Museum Studies (certificate)

College of Nursing
  • Accelerated (M.E.P.N.)

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.)
  • iSchool (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 & Public Policy (M.P.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.)
    Maternal & Child Health (M.P.H.)
  • Health Behavior Health Promotion (M.P.H.)
  • One Health (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
  • MBA/Natural Resources
Application

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 academic program by their deadline
- Apply to Fellows grad.arizona.edu/peacecorps/apply
- January 15 is the preferred Fellows deadline and March 1 is the 2nd round deadline for starting in Fall 2018

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
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Serve on,
Georgia Ehlers, Director

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