

VOLUNTEER PACKAGE

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Volunteering in developing countries isn't for everyone. The work can be demanding, the living conditions far from luxurious, and the challenges of communicating in an unfamiliar idiom while navigating third-world infrastructures and institutions daunting. You are sure to feel very far from familiar comforts. At the same time, virtually all our volunteers return home with glowing accounts of their time in the field, and all report that they have found the experience richly rewarding. In fact, a good many volunteers sign up for a second placement, and even a third one.

Volunteering for AWB projects is a great way to help these countries build stronger foundations for the future. To ensure that an AWB volunteer position is right for you, and you for it, please review the following before you apply.

Essential characteristics of volunteers

Volunteers must be respectful of their hosts' history, culture, perspectives, and goals, and committed to creating real and valuable change.

Living conditions in the field

We want our volunteers to be as safe and as comfortable as possible. Toward that end, we ensure that our volunteers' housing meets minimal conditions of comfort. This means that you will have electricity, indoor plumbing, and adequate furnishings and kitchen equipment.

You will be working for a host institution or ministry of education in most cases your hosts will provide accommodations; in some cases, they may also provide a stipend for your local expenses. You will be expected to work under the same conditions as your local colleagues concerning hours of work, relationships with your superiors and fellow workers, vacations, etc. Details specific to each project will be spelled out in the volunteer contract.

Volunteers' health and safety

The health and safety of AWB volunteers is our first priority. We do not send our volunteers to unsafe locations. In assessing the safety of each location, we are guided by the travel warnings of the governments of Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. Health services will be available, but may not be up to the standards to which you are accustomed. Travel and health insurance will be provided during the period of your assignment, including coverage for emergency evacuation.

AWB welcomes applications from people with disabilities. We make every effort to place applicants in host countries that can accommodate them.

Financial package

AWB's coverage of each volunteer's expenses depends on the assignment; a description of that coverage is contained in the job descriptions that are posted on our website as the positions become available.

QUALIFICATIONS

Academic Personnel

Faculty

- Two-Year College and CEGEP Faculty: Master's degree and three years of teaching experience
- University Faculty: Doctorate—except in fields in which this is not required, such as theatre arts, dance, and visual arts—and three years of teaching experience
- New PhDs: Doctorate and three years of teaching experience, which can include work as a graduate student assistant

Academic Administrators and Staff

- Three years of experience

Non-Academic Professionals

Professional degree and three years of experience

TO APPLY NOW

Current Placements

You can find current available placements on our volunteer page (www.awb-usf.org/volunteers/).

Future Placements

If you wish to be put on a roster for upcoming placements, please fill out the short application form below and send it with your curriculum vitae to inquiry@awb-usf.org. Please be certain that you meet our qualifications before applying. We will add your application to our database and contact you when a suitable placement becomes available.

If you have any further questions, please contact inquiry@awb-usf.org.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

AWB Roster for Future Placements

By filling out this application form, you are committing yourself to having your information entered in the AWB database. The non-starred information will be kept confidential and shall only be used to match postings with potential volunteers and for applying for funding. We will contact you, if a posting opens up in your field and ask you to fill out a full application. Please fill out the application, save it using your name as the file name, and email it along your curriculum vita to inquiry@awb-usf.org.

Last name* _____

First name* _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____

How long are you willing to spend abroad? _____

During what periods are you willing to go? _____

When are you able to go on a placement? _____

If you have had experience in the developing world relevant to volunteering for AWB, please describe it briefly below.

Are you retired? Yes No

What is the name and location of the institution of higher education at which you work(ed)* _____

Department of* _____

Rank, if staff or administrator, job title* _____

Field or expertise* _____

Country in which you are a resident _____

To what region(s) are you willing to go? _____

What language(s) other than English do you speak? _____

In what language(s) other than English can you work? _____

The starred information can be displayed on the AWB's web site Yes No

Signature (a typed signature is acceptable) _____

Date _____

Office Use Only:

Date Received _____

Number _____

Comments _____