



The Talloires
Network

University Volunteer Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who can apply?

All active Talloires Network members, with demonstrated civic engagement and experience with running student exchange programs are encouraged to apply.

Do the volunteers have to be enrolled students?

Volunteers must be currently enrolled graduate, postgraduate or PhD students, not older than 26 years.

How long will the students be expected to volunteer?

Volunteer assignments are for 6 months of service.

Where will the students volunteer?

The host university will place the volunteers at non-profit entities such as local NGOs, national or local government offices, development agencies, etc. in the local community.

Can the volunteers take classes at the Host University (HU)?

The University Volunteer Program is not an academic exchange and volunteers will not be able to enroll in classes at the host university, as they will be volunteering five days a week. When possible, they are encouraged to attend workshops or seminars at the HU to enrich their knowledge about the host country, and build volunteer skills.

What will be expected from the Host University?

The Host University will host the volunteer and designate a program coordinator as volunteers' main point of contact. The HU will identify volunteer opportunities for the student in the community. Specific terms of reference will be sent to the university upon acceptance.

Are there any costs for the university?

Participation in this initiative does not involve any particular fees or cost in terms of application or membership. A stipend will be given to the volunteers to cover airfare, basic accommodation, food and local transport. The university is not required to

financially support the volunteer, but is welcome to help defray living costs for the student if funding is available.

Is the calendar for the volunteer assignments flexible?

The program involves three continents and every different campus may have a different calendar. Each university will be evaluated separately to confirm the final schedule for the volunteer.

How many volunteers are the universities required to host and send?

Each university must send and host at least one volunteer. If the university has capacity, it can host more than one volunteer as well.

What if the university wants to participate, but is not ready to send or host at the same time?

Please contact us if you can only host or only send a volunteer. We will take that under consideration when reviewing the applications, and try to accommodate individual requests.

Will there be any support provided for visas?

The visa procedure depends on each country and nationality of volunteer. The host university and Talloires Network will provide documentation to support the visa process.

How is the country placement for volunteer selected? Can a university choose where to send its students?

The final map of the exchange is settled regionally and it depends on the number of placements and the participating universities. We will take the preferences of the university under consideration before making the final decision.

Where are the students from Spanish universities going?

Five students from Spain will be placed in the different regions. Two in Latin America, two in Africa, and one in Asia. Hosting universities have to provide terms of reference for these students or duplicate an existing one for the regional students. In that case, both students will share the project if the activities allow doing so.