



CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Post-Graduation Service Opportunities

There are many ways to make a difference after graduation, but one way is by serving for a year (or more) as a volunteer.

One-on-One Advising

Are you thinking about volunteering full-time after graduation and want to discuss your options? Have you applied to a program already? Perhaps you are hearing about full-time service for the first time and want to find out what it's all about. *No matter where you are in the process, Campus Ministries is here to help.* Contact [Cathy Seymour](#) to set up a time to chat or stop by Campus Ministries in TDC 200.

Where Do I Begin?

First, utilize the [Catholic Volunteer Network](#), a nonprofit organization of 200 domestic and international volunteer and lay mission programs. Since 1963, CVN has assisted more than 19,000 people find a service match in the U.S. - as well as 112 other countries.

If you are searching for a volunteer opportunity that is not affiliated with a faith-based organization, browse Stanford University's comprehensive [Fellowships, Internships and Service Programs \(FISP\) database](#). With access to approximately 500 programs, this database is a great place to start exploring postgraduate service options.

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving *happier*.
-Mother Teresa

Questions to Consider

Why do I want to volunteer?

A simple exercise is to create a list of reasons WHY you are thinking of doing volunteer service after graduation. Make a list of pro's and con's to help make sure you really want to volunteer.

What type of program do I want?

You will need to begin narrowing down those that interest you. Do some research into the varieties and begin to eliminate programs that do not interest you. Here are some categories to consider:

- Domestic vs. International
- Secular vs. Religiously-based
- Individual-oriented vs. Community-oriented
- Structured program vs. Self-initiated travel/work
- One year (or shorter) vs. Two years (or longer)

How will this affect my future career plans and goals?

Think about what you hope to gain from a volunteer experience and how it might fit in to your future career plans. What would be some benefits of a volunteer experience on my future graduate school and/or career plans? What would be some drawbacks? Consider whether you can financially afford to do service instead of working. Note that many volunteer organizations can help you defer loan payments, but this depends on your lender.

How will this affect my relationships?

Parents, families, significant others, and friends may be affected by your decision. Make sure to talk it over with the important people in your life.

Are there other questions or issues I need to consider?

If you have any physical or emotional health questions or factors that may affect your ability to perform certain types of volunteer work, make sure to discuss those with the program coordinators. Think about other factors or issues unique to you or your situation.

Are there other options I should consider?

Internships, summer programs, short-term opportunities, non-profit work, human service work, and religious life are all positive experiences related to volunteering. If you want more information on these options talk to the Center for Service and Social Justice or the Career Development Office.

(Information adapted from <http://www.bc.edu/offices/service/postgrad.html>)

Potential Placements

The following is a list of organizations that offer full-time, supported, post graduate volunteer opportunities. Many of these organizations will visit campus for the Post-Grad Volunteer Fair that takes place each Fall. **Watch for information about our Annual Post Graduate Service Fair each November.**

- [Alliance for Catholic Education](#)
- [Amate House](#)
- [Amigos de Jesus](#)
- [Associate Missionaries of the Assumption](#)
- [Augustinian Volunteers](#)
- [Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry](#)
- [Boston Teacher Residency](#)
- [Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries](#)
- [Casa de Esperanza](#)
- [Catholic Volunteer Network](#)
- [Christian Appalachian Project](#)
- [Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School \(Chicago\)](#)
- [City Year Boston](#)
- [Colorado Vincentian Volunteers](#)
- [Covenant House Faith Community Program](#)
- [Cristo Rey NY High School](#)
- [Echo, University of ND](#)
- [Esperanza Academy](#)
- [Franciscan Outreach Volunteers](#)
- [Franciscan Mission Service](#)
- [Franciscan Volunteer Ministry](#)
- [FrancisCorps](#)
- [Friends of the Orphans \(now NPH\)](#)
- [Good Shepherd Volunteers](#)
- [Ignatian Service Corps](#)
- [Jesuit Volunteer Corps](#)
- [Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest](#)
- [L'Arche Boston](#)
- [Lasallian Volunteer Corps](#)
- [LU-CHOICE](#)
- [Maggie's Place](#)
- [Magis Catholic Teacher Corps](#)
- [Maryknoll Lay Missioners](#)
- [Match Education](#)
- [Mercy Volunteer Corps](#)
- [MercyWorks](#)
- [Nativity Preparatory School-Worcester, MA](#)
- [Notre Dame Mission Volunteers - Americorps](#)
- [Operation TEACH](#)
- [Passionist Volunteers International](#)
- [Peace Corps](#)
- [Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience \(PULSE\)](#)
- [PLACE Corps \(UCCE\)](#)
- [Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers \(UCCE\)](#)
- [Redeemer Ministry Corps](#)
- [Rostro de Cristo](#)
- [Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy](#)
- [SSJ Mission Corps](#)
- [Urban Catholic Teacher Corps of BC](#)
- [Vincentian Volunteers of Cincinnati](#)
- [Working Boys' Center \(Centro del Muchacho Trabajador in Quito, Ecuador\)](#)
- [WorldTeach](#)
- [Yap Catholic High School](#)

Take advantage of the chance to speak to over 30 organizations with full-time volunteer opportunities both domestic and abroad at this year's Post Graduate Service Fair. No dress code, and no resumes needed! All students welcome! View a list of alumni currently volunteering on the [Post-Grad Service web page](#).