Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) www.avs.org.hk
AVS founded in 1970, is a non-profit charity organization dedicated to playing a pivotal role in the promotion of sustainable volunteerism, and to develop partnership with all sectors of the community to provide value added and quality volunteer service to build a caring community. AVS provides volunteer referral service and training, organizes innovative and large-scale volunteer projects, promotes the “Hong Kong Volunteer Charter”, and launches volunteer recognition programmes to inspire volunteering and quality volunteer service. AVS is a cooperating organization of United Nations Volunteers, promoting international volunteerism in Hong Kong.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) www.unv.org
Established in 1970, the UNV programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide by advocating recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UN Volunteers, throughout the world.

Peace and Development Foundation (PDF) www.unpdf.hk
PDF is a Hong Kong-based philanthropic organization and an official partner of the UN Development Programme which coordinates all the UN agencies in China. PDF’s ongoing cooperation with UNV began in 2011, through which it has fully funded a total of nine national UN Volunteer assignments at UN agencies in China, including at UNDP, UN Women, WHO, UNESCO, UNIDO, UN SPIDER, the Beijing Office of the Resident Coordinator of UNDP, and the UNV Office in China.

Hong Kong Volunteers Association (HKVA) www.hkvolunteers.org.hk
Founded on 14th January 2009, HKVA is a non-profit charity organization formed by the core members of Hong Kong volunteers in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. HKVA is dedicated to promoting civic consciousness through valuable volunteer service experience in the Olympics Games, facilitating public engagement towards sports, arts and culture, charity events as well as helping those in need. HKVA also aims at developing collaborative partnership with all sectors of the community, encouraging and motivating involvement of organizations and individuals (especially adolescents), providing professional voluntary service and fostering members’ commitment and contribution to the society.

UNV-Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme

Introduction

With a view to furthering youth volunteerism, the Programme funded by Home Affairs Bureau was launched by Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS), with support from Hong Kong Volunteers Association and Peace and Development Foundation. It allows local university undergraduates to participate in a 6-month assignment under the UN Youth Volunteer modality serving under UN field units or agencies in South East Asia.

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Partner Universities (In alphabetical order)
- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Lingnan University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Education University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- The University of Hong Kong

Volunteer Assignments
Duration: around 6 months
Locations: UN agencies / field units in South East Asia
Service Scope: health and education; disaster risk reduction in the area of environment; youth issues and other areas with focus on information technology
Job Duties: administrative support, monitoring and evaluation, communications and outreach, etc.

Eligibility of Volunteers
- at the time of application, enrolled in an undergraduate full degree programme in one of the partner universities
- Hong Kong resident aged between 18-29 and recommended by the university with good reference
- able to fulfil the required commitment of the Programme
- commitment to global peace and development
- proficiency in spoken and written English; knowledge of other languages of the working destination will be an asset
- volunteering experience in or out of Hong Kong

Commitment of Volunteers
- participate in pre-departure training in Hong Kong and orientation in the duty station
- complete a 6-month assignment
- submit final report on the assignment and participate in post-assignment de-briefing
- share experience and inspirations gained from the assignment

Financial Support to Volunteers
- round trip travel costs from Hong Kong to duty station, monthly living allowance and health / life insurance will be fully funded

Application Procedures

candidates must complete the application form and be nominated via the partner university

shortlisted candidates must attend the selection interview(s)
- final selection of candidates will be subject to decision of UNV
- candidates who fail to attend the interview(s) will be disqualified