



United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme 聯合國志願人員組織 - 香港大學生義工實習計劃

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Introduction

With a view to furthering youth volunteerism, the Programme funded by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau has been launched by Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) in partnership with United Nations volunteers (UNV), and with support from Hong Kong Volunteers Association (HKVA) and Peace and Development Foundation (PDF). It allows local university undergraduates to participate in a 6-month volunteer internship under UN field units or agencies overseas to develop their capabilities and global vision.

Partner Universities (In alphabetical order)

- ◆ City University of Hong Kong
- ◆ Hong Kong Baptist University
- ◆ Hong Kong Metropolitan University
- ◆ Hong Kong Shue Yan University
- ◆ Lingnan University
- ◆ The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Education University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- ◆ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- ◆ The University of Hong Kong

Volunteer Internship

- Duration : 6 months
- Number of Placements : 10
- Service Scope : health and education; disaster risk reduction in the area of environment; youth issues and other areas with focus on information technology
- Location : UN agencies / field units overseas
- Job Duties : administrative support, monitoring and evaluation, communications and outreach, etc.
- Fieldwork : volunteer interns will have the opportunity to participate in short-term fieldwork organised by the UN agencies to experience the frontline work of the local service units, and to gain better understanding on the related issues

Eligibility of Volunteer Interns

- ◆ at the time of application, enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree programme in one of the partnered universities
- ◆ holders of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card aged 18-30 and recommended by own university with good reference
- ◆ 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
- ◆ high motivation, enthusiasm and intercultural competence
- ◆ strong sense of national identity, global vision and sustainability
- ◆ good communication and interpersonal skills
- ◆ literacy in computer skills including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and social media



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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

UNV is the UN organisation that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. UNV works with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism. UNV is active in around 130 countries every year and has Field Presences in about 60 countries.

Peace and Development Foundation (PDF) www.unpdf.hk

The Peace and Development Foundation (PDF), a non-profit organization founded in Hong Kong in 2005 and registered as a charity under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, is the official partner of the United Nations Development Programme in China. PDF works with UNDP in advocacy and awareness raising, leadership training and capacity building, as well as in fundraising for UN projects. PDF's focal areas are human development and poverty alleviation, climate change and environmental conservation 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, art 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.

Service Countries and Field Units

Service Countries

- ◆Indonesia
- ◆Nepal
- ◆Thailand



Field Units

- ◆ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ◆ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ◆ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- ◆ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- ◆ United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat)
- ◆ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)
- ◆ United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- ◆ United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs - United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA-UNRCPD)
- ◆ United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

Commitment of Volunteer Interns

- ◆ participate in pre-departure training in Hong Kong and orientation in the duty station
- ◆ complete a 6-month volunteer internship
- ◆ submit final report on the volunteer internship
- ◆ participate in post volunteer internship debriefing
- ◆ share experience and inspirations gained
- ◆ are liable to compensate the Programme for all costs incurred (airfare, living allowance, assignment cost, related administrative fee, etc.) if they withdraw from the Programme during volunteer internship period

Financial Support to Volunteer Interns

The following expenses will be fully funded:

- ◆ round trip travel costs from Hong Kong to duty station
- ◆ monthly living allowance
- ◆ health / life insurance

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



A Briefing Session will be held on 13 May 2023 (Saturday) via Zoom to let the interested students know more about the Programme. Please visit <https://bit.ly/40xMztn> for registration by 12 May 2023

Important Dates

Briefing Session	: 13 May 2023
Application Deadline (by students)	: 24 May 2023
Selection Interview	: 16, 17 June 2023
Final Selection (for shortlisted candidates)	: 7 July 2023
Pre-departure Training	: 18-21 July 2023
Volunteer Internship Period	: July/August 2023- January 2024
Post Volunteer Internship Debriefing	: February-June 2024
Volunteer Internship Recognition	: Q1 2024

