



Habitat for Humanity Tucson - VISTA - Project Development

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Serve, learn, lead and explore in the desert of Tucson AZ! Habitat for Humanity Tucson has been hosting AmeriCorps members since 2016. Our AmeriCorps members play an integral role in providing leadership on our project sites, engaging volunteers to become champions for our mission, and creating new tools and systems to build capacity. Our members are the ambassadors of Habitat Tucson, interacting with over 3,000 volunteers, partner families and community stakeholders. During a year of service with Habitat Tucson, AmeriCorps members will gain insight to the inner workings of a non-profit organization and gain hands-on experience in leadership, public speaking and community development. Benefits beyond the AmeriCorps living allowance and education award include mileage reimbursement for use of your personal auto to and from the sites and a cell phone stipend. Make a difference in the Sonoran Desert helping to build communities and hope. For more information about Habitat for Humanity Tucson, please visit [our website](#).

Project Development

As a Project Development VISTA, you will spend 70% of your service year expanding the Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program, and the other 30% developing the affiliate as a site for Domestic Global Village (DGV) trips. In order to

expand the NR program from our current Copper Vista community to our new Desert Vista and Minton Court communities, you will work with local officials, neighborhood groups, other nonprofits, business leaders, and funding partners to reach program goals. In order to develop the affiliate as a site for DGV trips, you will coordinate the application process, then once the application is approved, research and report on best practices in DGV programs across the US and Canada. Once this is accomplished, you will then focus on program development, which includes researching accommodation for DGV visitors, drafting sample build and cultural outing itineraries, researching potential DGV funding sources, and identifying community partners to help participate, shape, and add to the program. Following the program development stage, you will move into project implementation, and ideally, be present (still be serving) when we receive our first DGV group.

Required Qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older
- U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident
- High school diploma or GED equivalent (or agree to work towards one while serving)
- Driver's license
- Microsoft Office Suite (especially Word/Excel)

Helpful Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree
- Strong research skills
- Project management experience

Benefits of Service:

- **For more information about these benefits (excluding MAP), please visit the [VISTA Campus](#).**
- AmeriCorps VISTA living allowance of \$11,880 (paid over the 1 year of full-time service) – determined by geographic area
- Segal Education Award of \$5,815 (**lifetime maximum of 2**) OR end-of-service cash stipend of \$1,500 – both are dependent on successful completion of service
- Healthcare Allowance – a reimbursement program that covers some out-of-pocket, non-premium costs, up to \$7,150, associated with healthcare. Please note: this is not a healthcare insurance plan; if you do not have healthcare coverage, you have 60 days from your service start date to sign-up for healthcare coverage through the [Marketplace](#).
- Child Care Benefits (if eligible)
- Relocation Travel Allowance up to \$1,000 & Settling In Allowance of \$550 (if eligible)
- Student Loan Forbearance (if eligible)
- 10 personal and 10 sick leave days

- Approx. 10 holidays (dependent on service location)
- Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE) Status – upon successfully completing service, you will receive one year of NCE for employment in the federal government. Please note: this does not guarantee you a federal job.
- Member Assistance Program (MAP) – offers free services, such as counseling and financial planning resources

What's in it for you?

At the end of the service year, you will have helped us complete 70 home preservation and Critical Home Repair (CHR) projects. In addition, you will have helped us develop the affiliate as a site for DGV trips.

What's needed to apply?

Follow this link:

https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/long-term-opportunities/americorps?field_description_value=&field_city_value=Tucson&us_states_filter=AZ