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Oregon Campus Compact Summer VISTA Corps: *FAQs*



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What is VISTA? What is AmeriCorps? AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that provide opportunities for service through partnerships with nonprofit groups. AmeriCorps*VISTA is a branch of AmeriCorps designed specifically to fight poverty. ORCC Summer VISTA Corps Members will be AmeriCorps*VISTA Summer Associates.

What will ORCC Summer VISTA Corps Members do? Corps Members will serve for 10-weeks in school and nonprofit programs that aim to prepare at risk rising 9th graders for a successful transition into high school. Specific member assignments will vary, and will include an effective mix of indirect and direct service activities.

For example, Associates could:

- * Recruit, train, and coordinate (but not select) community-based volunteers, including high school and college students, and older adults
- * Structure long-term ways for involving community members in project activities
- * Generate resource materials, supplies, and space for the project
- * Involve the private sector and other community partners in the project
- * Develop materials for year-round project activities
- * Conduct community education, outreach, and awareness related to the project.

These full-time positions will start on one of three dates: May 24, June 7, June 21 as determined by the placement site. Successful applicants will attend a pre-service orientation the Friday prior to the start date.

As a Summer Associate, your contributions will have a significant impact on those being served.

Where will they serve? Members will potentially serve in teams of 2-3 at schools and nonprofits across the Portland metro area. Oregon Campus Compact is working with the Portland Schools Foundation Ninth Grade Counts program to identify established and high-quality programs at which to place Members. More details will be provided as the sites are selected.

Who should apply to be a Member? We are looking for Members who would make great role models for rising 9th graders. In addition, Members must be:

- at least 18 years of age,
- US Citizens, US Nationals, or Lawful Permanent Residents,
- able to commit to serve on a full-time basis for the full term,
- and not be listed in the National Sex Offenders Public Registry.

Experience working with children or youth is a definite plus! For more specific information on required and preferred qualifications, please see the position description.

Is this a job? As national service participants, Members will be volunteers, not employees. Members receive a modest living allowance. It will not make one rich, but most VISTA Members have found it covers basic expenses. During their term of service, VISTA Members are not allowed to hold a job or enroll in courses unrelated to their service.

What are the benefits of service? Upon completion of service, Members will be eligible to receive a \$1,132 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award *or* a \$125/month cash stipend. In addition, Members will gain valuable professional experience and the ability to network with the local and national AmeriCorps community and Alumni Network. The benefits for VISTA Summer Associates and VISTAs serving for a full year differ slightly. Please contact us if you have questions.

How can interested candidates apply? Two Recruitment Sessions are scheduled: one on **April 26th** and one on **April 27th**; both will run from 5:00-7pm at Portland State University. In order to RSVP to attend a session and receive more information, please contact us. If you cannot attend either of these sessions, contact us so that we can set up an interview at another time. *Preference will be given to candidates who attend one of the Recruitment Sessions.*

What is Oregon Campus Compact? Oregon Campus Compact is an organization dedicated to promoting service-learning, civic engagement, and community service on college and university campuses across the state of Oregon. A partnership with AmeriCorps allows us to provide VISTA positions to eligible candidates. Oregon Campus Compact will oversee the recruitment and selection process for Members, provide the Members with pre-service training, and provide on-going support to potential and selected Members during the recruitment process and throughout the Members' service terms.

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