



AmeriCorps Frequently Asked Questions

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I'm confused. There are different programs, with different names, but they're all AmeriCorps?

Yes, basically. AmeriCorps is a national network of hundreds of programs throughout the US. There are two programs that are managed nationally: AmeriCorps*VISTA and AmeriCorps*NCCC. The other group of programs come under the general heading of AmeriCorps, and they are found in local and national organizations throughout the US. Depending upon your interests and availability, AmeriCorps can help you determine which program might be best for you.

Do I get paid?

For all AmeriCorps programs, members receive a modest living allowance, and some programs provide housing. You may not save much money during your year of service, but most members find the living allowance to be adequate to cover their needs. AmeriCorps members who complete a term of service also receive an AmeriCorps Education Award.

How long are the assignments, and are they all full-time?

The time commitment varies, from ten months to a year, depending upon your project. Most assignments are full-time, but there are some part-time service opportunities available.

What skills do I need to have?

Some programs have specific skill requests in certain areas, and others look for a bachelor's degree or a few years of related volunteer/job experience. For others, your motivation and commitment may be the primary requirement.

Will I get any training before I start?

Absolutely. All members receive training at the beginning of their service, as well as project-specific training during service.