



The Peace Corps Master's International Program

For more than fifteen years, the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) has partnered with the Peace Corps to offer the Peace Corps Master's International (PCMI) program. The PCMI program combines a master's degree with two years of hands-on Peace Corps service, offering students the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to a real-life professional experience in developing and transitioning countries. PCMI students at MIIS can earn master's degrees in

four programs: teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), international business (MBA), public administration (MPA), and international environmental policy (IEP).

Participants in a PCMI program typically finish one year of graduate study in the U.S. before beginning a 27-month Peace Corps assignment overseas, where they earn additional academic credit for their service. They then return to complete any remaining academic degree requirements.

MATESOL (Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Since 1994, 33 graduates have completed the PCMI program in TESOL at MIIS. Currently, MIIS has six PCMI students in the field, four returned PCMI students completing their coursework, and three currently awaiting their Peace Corps assignments.

MBA (Master of Business Administration)

PCMI students pursuing their MBA have business-related assignments in the field, including microfinance, small business development, NGO development, and tourism and general economic development. Since 1995, 15 graduates have completed

their MBAs through the PCMI program, with Peace Corps assignments in 13 different countries.

MPA (Master of Public Administration)

PCMI students pursuing their MPA have related field assignments, including poverty alleviation, human rights, human security, social development, and NGO capacity building. There are currently 12 MPA PCMI students at MIIS.

MAIEP (Master of Arts in International Environmental Policy)

PCMI students pursuing their MAIEP have related field assignments, often focusing on alternative energy sources, water supply, forest conservation, and wildlife protection and park management. There are currently five MAIEP PCMI students at MIIS.

The Monterey Institute is proud to offer preferential scholarship consideration for returned Peace Corps volunteers (RPCVs). The Institute values RPCVs' on-the-ground, hands-on development experience, their flexibility and adaptability, and the experiences and insights they are able to share with classmates at MIIS.



Pamela Schrier (MBA-PCMI '10) in the Dominican Republic



Recent Monterey Institute PCMI Placements

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| Armenia | Costa Rica | Kazakhstan | Poland |
| Azerbaijan | Dominican Republic | Kyrgyzstan | Russia |
| Benin | Estonia | Mongolia | Slovakia |
| Bolivia | Guatemala | Morocco | Togo |
| Bulgaria | Guinea | Nepal | Turkmenistan |
| Cape Verde | Honduras | Nicaragua | Ukraine |
| China | | Panama | |

Application Process and Benefits

Students apply to the Monterey Institute and the Peace Corps separately and simultaneously, and must be accepted by both institutions.

Peace Corps benefits include:

- ▶ Language, cross-cultural, and technical training
- ▶ Travel costs to and from the country of service
- ▶ Overseas living and housing expenses
- ▶ medical and dental coverage
- ▶ vacation time
- ▶ transitional funds of just over \$6,000 following service
- ▶ Career and transitional assistance

For more information, visit www.miis.edu/academics/programs/peacecorps.

MIIS Ranks Top 5 in PCMI Participation

With 16 participants in service in May 2010, the Monterey Institute of International Studies ranked fourth out of sixty-one graduate schools for the number of students participating in a Peace Corps Master's International Program. The top five schools for participation rates last year were:

1. Michigan Technological University (Houghton, MI) - 37
2. Tulane University (New Orleans, LA) -21
3. University of Washington (Seattle, WA) -18
4. Monterey Institute of International Studies (Monterey, CA) -16
5. SIT Graduate Institute, Brattleboro, VT -14

In addition, nine returned Peace Corps volunteers are currently members of the Monterey Institute's faculty and staff. The Institute is regarded by the Peace Corps organization as a model PCMI program.



Heather Kokesch (TESOL-PCMI '11) in the Philippines

Peace Corps Named by MIIS Staff Member

Although the term "Peace Corps" first achieved widespread public recognition when President John F. Kennedy signed legislation authorizing the new program in 1961, the name of the now internationally renowned program was actually coined by a Stanford graduate student working for Senator Hubert Humphrey, sponsor of the legislation. That student, Peter Grothe, went on to earn a Ph. D. from George Washington University, and later served for more than 25 years at the Monterey Institute, both as director of international student programs and as an adjunct faculty member specializing in cross-cultural communication. In addition to naming the organization and working on the legislation that created it, Dr. Grothe also composed the initial draft of the first major speech delivered by President Kennedy on the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps: Fast Facts

History

- ▶ Peace Corps officially established:
- ▶ March 1, 1961
- ▶ Total number of Volunteers and trainees to date: 200,000+
- ▶ Total number of countries served: 139

Volunteers

- ▶ Current number of Volunteers and trainees: 8,655
- ▶ Gender: 60% female, 40% male
- ▶ Marital Status: 93% single, 7% married
- ▶ Minorities: 19% of Peace Corps Volunteers
- ▶ Average Age: 28
- ▶ Volunteers over age 50: 7%
- ▶ Education: 90% have at least an undergraduate degree

Countries and Projects

- ▶ Current number of countries served: 77 countries

Volunteers by Work Area

- ▶ Education: 37%
- ▶ Health & HIV/AIDS: 22%
- ▶ Business Development: 14%
- ▶ Environment: 13%
- ▶ Agriculture: 4%
- ▶ Youth Development: 5%
- ▶ Other: 5%

Where Volunteers Serve

- ▶ Africa: 37%
- ▶ Latin America: 24%
- ▶ Eastern Europe/Central Asia: 21%
- ▶ Asia: 7%
- ▶ The Caribbean: 5%
- ▶ North Africa/Middle East: 4%
- ▶ Pacific Islands: 3%