University of South Carolina

AmeriCorps
Summer Associate VISTA

This is our state. Be a part of the solution to help fight poverty.

2013 AmeriCorps Summer Associate VISTA positions

AmeriCorps*VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America. Today, 6,500 AmeriCorps*VISTA members serve on over 1,000 projects throughout the United States. For more information, please visit www.americorps.gov

Summer AmeriCorps VISTAs are eligible for:

• $1,200 education award
• Summer living allowance of approximately $1,800

What is South Carolina Campus Compact?

South Carolina Campus Compact sponsors AmeriCorps*VISTAs on member campuses throughout the state. SCCC VISTAs respond to the needs in the community surrounding the college or university they serve and mobilize student volunteers to make an impact both on campus and in the community.

What do Summer Associate VISTAs typically do?

• Serve directly with a nonprofit organization in Columbia, SC
• Identify local poverty-related community needs
• Facilitate programs that impact low-income populations
• Build campus-community partnerships
• Conduct community education, outreach, and awareness related to the project
• Build capacity and sustainable programs at their host campuses

Where do Summer Associate VISTAs typically serve?

• Big Brothers, Big Sisters
• Habitat for Humanity
• St. Lawrence Place
• Conservation Voters of SC
• Atria Living Facilities
• Freedom Schools
• Boys & Girls Club

Qualifications

• Commitment to community service, service-learning, and social justice
• Strong written and verbal communication skills
• Agree to serve 8 weeks (56 days), beginning June 2013
• USC student (undergraduate or graduate)

How to Apply

Please visit the Office of Student Engagement or Community Service Programs websites for a link to the online application. If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Dottie Weigel, Assistant Director for Student Engagement and Service-Learning at weigel@mailbox.sc.edu or by phone at (803) 777-6336.

What former Summer Associate VISTAs say:

“This experience definitely solidified the fact that I want to work with at-risk families that are in need. With my nursing degree, I will have the freedom to work in many different populations... in the future.”

-Kelly Barrow, Summer Associate VISTA 2012

www.sc.edu/studentengagement

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