2015 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

What is South Carolina Campus Compact?

South Carolina Campus Compact sponsors AmeriCorps*VISTA members 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.

Summer AmeriCorps VISTAs are typically eligible for:

- $1,200 education award
- Summer living allowance of approximately $1,500

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

Past Summer Associate Service Sites

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Columbia’s Cooking!
- Fast Forward
- Fort Jackson
- Freedom Schools
- St. Lawrence Place

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 2015
- USC undergraduate students

How to Apply

Please visit the Office of Student Engagement website for a link to the online application. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Rachel Price, AmeriCorps*VISTA: pricerl4@mailbox.sc.edu

What former Summer Associate VISTAs say:

“This position showed me the importance of working with confidence, being a leader and communicating effectively. It also taught me to appreciate diversity and differences in individuals and the community.”
-Ashley Griffith, Summer Associate, 2014

Application Deadline:

- Monday, March 16, 2015

*positions contingent on funding approval