

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

Peace Corps Fellows Program Guidelines and Application

The goal of the Peace Corps Fellows Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing is to help Returned Volunteers pursue a career in nursing through baccalaureate level nursing education. The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing will give RPCVs **priority** in the application process!

Our Peace Corps Fellows agree to work in the underserved communities of East Baltimore at many of our nurse run clinics through the **Community Outreach Program**. PC Fellows may apply to receive a salary for their work in Community Outreach -- although some of the sites are volunteer experiences.

By filling out the PC Fellows Application, you are considered for one of the **\$12,500, PC Fellows Scholarships**. Unfortunately the School of Nursing is not able to award a PC Fellows Scholarships to all RPCVs who apply. Each year approximately twelve PC Fellows Scholarships are awarded. All RPCV's are considered PC Fellows even if they do not receive a scholarship. It is a highly competitive scholarship. Please note, RPCVs may also apply for the **Academic Merit Scholarship** which is for half tuition. Applicants cannot receive both the PC Fellows Scholarship and the Academic Merit Scholarship.

If you are applying for financial aid, please make sure you complete the necessary paperwork by the deadline. **Deadlines are critical!!!** If your paperwork is received by the deadline, you may be awarded a need-based Peace Corps Grant through the School of Nursing. These need-based grants vary in amounts and sometimes can be as much as the Peace Corps Fellows Scholarship -- \$12,500. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 410-955-9840 or finaid@son.jhmi.edu or visit their website at <http://www.son.jhmi.edu/academics/finaid/>

To be **considered** for the Peace Corps Fellows Program, complete the following by **February 1**:

- Complete the Peace Corps Fellows Program Application
- Summarize your interest in the Peace Corps Fellows Program by addressing the following questions. Please limit your answers to no more than 2 pages/double spaced for all six questions.
 1. How has your Peace Corps experience influenced your decision to enter the nursing profession?
 2. What tools have you gained through your Peace Corps experience that will enable you to work effectively with the communities of Baltimore?
 3. What is one of the lessons you learned about yourself during your Peace Corps service? How will that impact you as a nurse?
 4. What are your career goals after completing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program?
 5. How would you describe your leadership qualities?
 6. Why would you like to be considered as a Fellow?

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I have read the Peace Corps Fellows Program requirements and I agree to the conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send application and essays to one of the following:

Mail: Peace Corps Fellows Program
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
Office of Admissions and Student Services
Attn: Kasey Lambert
525 North Wolfe Street, Suite 113
Baltimore, Maryland 21205

Email: klamber4@son.jhmi.edu

Fax: 410-614-7086, Attn: Kasey Lambert

To **participate** in the Peace Corps Fellows Program the student must:

- Be a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer.
- Enroll in the baccalaureate program with the intent of completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.
- Enroll in the course, "Community Outreach to Underserved Communities in Baltimore". Completing this course will lead to a service learning experience as part of the Community Outreach Program. The course is offered during the Fall Semester.
- Participate in the Community Outreach Program. Participating in the Community Outreach Program enables RPCV Fellows to work in the underserved communities of East Baltimore and fulfill the 3rd goal of Peace Corps: "to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans." At a Community Outreach Program site, Fellows may be paid a salary for their service or can participate as a volunteer.
- Participate in other RPCV Fellows Program activities throughout the academic nursing program. Throughout the academic nursing program, fellows participate in exciting and programmatic extracurricular activities. For example, Fellows lead an "Around the World, Honoring Diversity Week" during Peace Corps Week, which is held each year during the week of March 1st.
- During Honoring Diversity Week, students share their international experiences and also invite guests to support the diversity theme. In 2005 - 06, guests included Tibetan monks, African dancers and drummers, and local Baltimore school children performing break-dancing. This event has been so successful that other schools within the University are adopting the concept.
- Fellows will also attend regularly scheduled dinners with the Fellows group; leadership development opportunities; mentoring meetings; recruitment activities; Peace Corps Domestic Programs activities; and other related Program activities. Additionally, at least one person in each class will be selected as the Fellows liaison with the Fellows Program Coordinator.
- Intend to work/practice in the community, working with underserved populations immediately upon completion of degree requirements (BS or BS to MSN) and receipt of nursing licensure.