



Seeking College Health Corps VISTA Members for 2017-18

Shape Minnesota's healthy future.

Low-income college students and community members face an array of barriers to affordable, quality, accessible and culturally responsive health care, mental health supports, dental services, wellness programs, health insurance, emergency food, nutritional services, and health education programs. When individuals are unhealthy, their full participation in school, work, and life are jeopardized.

Minnesota Campus Compact's College Health Corps (CHC) exists to advance health equity for low-income Minnesotans through partnerships between higher education and communities with VISTA positions on college campuses, at clinics, and in community-based organizations. Increasing access to healthcare, health insurance, emergency food, and/or health education are core components of all CHC VISTA projects though each position is unique.

CHC VISTA members serve full-time at a host site for one year and receive a modest living allowance. VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, is a federally funded program founded in 1965 to alleviate poverty. When AmeriCorps was created in 1993, VISTA was brought under the AmeriCorps program umbrella. VISTA is distinguished from other AmeriCorps programs by its focus on capacity building projects. Learn more at <http://mncampuscompact.org/what-we-do/initiatives/college-health-corps/> or contact sinda@mncampuscompact.org.

Seeking applicants with:

- Strong interest or experience in campus-community partnerships
- Strong interest or experience in health care, food access, public health, or issues of health equity
- Commitment to the mission of the project and its impact on communities
- Proven leadership ability; public speaking, event planning, and organizational skills; project and multi-task management skills; excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong interest in supporting low-income communities and/or college students

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age; college degree preferred.
- Must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident
- Ability to make a full-year commitment starting July 25, 2017 through July 28, 2018

Highlights of the 2015-2016 College Health Corps

Through VISTA activities:

10,047	people participated in health education programs
11,905	individuals received primary and preventative health care services
941	volunteers engaged
6,234.25	hours served
4,342	individuals received emergency food
317	individuals received education to alleviate long-term hunger
\$371,604	generated in cash resources
\$194,744	generated in-kind resources

2017-2018 College Health Corps Sites

- [American Indian Cancer Foundation](#)
- [Anoka-Ramsey Community College](#)
- [Brightside Produce at the University of St. Thomas](#)
- [Minneapolis Community and Technical College](#)
- [North Hennepin Community College](#)
- [Northfield Union of Youth](#)
- [Open Door Health Center](#)
- [People's Center Health Services](#)
- [Rochester Student Health Services](#)
- [Sabathani Community Center](#)
- [South Central College](#)
- [Saint Mary's University of Minnesota](#)
- [University of Minnesota, Rochester](#)
- [Wellshare International](#)
- College Health Corps VISTA Leader position

Duties may include:

- Developing and implementing projects that address healthcare access, the social determinants of health, and health education for low-income individuals
- Developing resources on campus to support low-income students
- Identifying ways to leverage campus assets to increase healthcare access (i.e. use of campus facilities, engaging faculty, staff, and student groups, service learning across multiple academic disciplines, etc)
- Developing culturally specific health messaging materials
- Developing outreach and community engagement strategies
- Serving as an intermediary between the campus and community healthcare organizations
- Supporting project evaluation and implementing feedback
- Developing and piloting health prevention and intervention programming
- Writing grants and other funding outreach to increase financial support
- Building and improving systems to build organizational infrastructure
- Creating or expanding volunteer and outreach programs

Benefits:

- Living allowance of approx. \$990/month (pre-tax). (*VISTA Leader: \$1190/month*)
- Choice of Education Award of \$5,815 or End-of-Service Award of \$1,500 (*VISTA Leader: \$3000*) upon successful completion of service
- Federal Student Loan forbearance (if Education Award is elected)
- Healthcare Allowance of \$6,600
- Training and professional development
- Childcare assistance subsidies (if eligible)
- Relocation allowance of \$550 if moving more than 50 miles to a new location in order to serve
- Some project sites may provide housing supports. (*VISTA Leader: \$100/month housing support.*)
- Opportunity to be a part of a national service movement and work with a cohort of other committed health corps VISTA members

How to Apply:

Find Our Listings By:

- 1) Going to my.americorps.gov
- 2) Click "search listings" at the bottom of the page
- 3) Search for:
 - Program Type: AmeriCorps VISTA
 - State: Minnesota
 - Program Name: College Health Corps

Steps to Apply:

- 1) **Create a Profile.** This is where you will enter basic information about yourself and create a profile on my.americorps.gov.
- 2) **Complete an Application.** The application asks for detailed information about your education, work and volunteer history, references, etc.
- 3) **Submit your application.** To positions labeled "College Health Corps".
- 4) **Track your application status.** To learn more about application status contact VISTA Leader (contact information below).

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