



United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme 聯合國志願人員組織 - 香港大學生義工實習計劃

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Introduction

With a view to furthering youth volunteerism, the Programme funded by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau has been launched by Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) in partnership with United Nations volunteers (UNV), and with support from Hong Kong Volunteers Association (HKVA) and Peace and Development Foundation (PDF). It allows local university undergraduates to participate in a 6-month volunteer internship under UN field units or agencies overseas to develop their capabilities and global vision.



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Partner Universities (In alphabetical order)

- ◆ City University of Hong Kong
- ◆ Hong Kong Baptist University
- ◆ Hong Kong Metropolitan University
- ◆ Hong Kong Shue Yan University
- ◆ Lingnan University
- ◆ The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Education University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- ◆ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- ◆ The University of Hong Kong

Volunteer Internship

- Duration : 6 months
- Number of Placements : 15
- Service Scope : health and education; disaster risk reduction in the area of environment; youth issues and other areas with focus on information technology
- Location : UN agencies / field units overseas
- Job Duties : administrative support, monitoring and evaluation, communications and outreach, etc.
- Fieldwork : volunteer interns will have the opportunity to participate in short-term fieldwork organised by the UN agencies to experience the frontline work of the local service units, and to gain better understanding on the related issues

Eligibility of Volunteer Interns

- ◆ at the time of application, enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree programme in one of the partnered universities
- ◆ holders of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card aged 18-30 and recommended by own university with good reference
- ◆ proficiency in spoken and written English; knowledge of other languages of the working destination will be an asset
- ◆ volunteering experience in or out of Hong Kong
- ◆ high motivation, enthusiasm and intercultural competence
- ◆ strong sense of national identity, global vision and sustainability
- ◆ good communication and interpersonal skills
- ◆ literacy in computer skills including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and social media
- ◆ being fully vaccinated on or before 29 December 2022¹, or supported by a valid medical certificate indicating that the concerned individual is unfit to receive COVID-19 vaccination due to medical conditions



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² ¹ This means an individual has received the necessary doses of COVID-19 vaccination as stipulated in the guidelines of a COVID-19 vaccination course recognised by the HKSAR Government on or before 29 December 2022.

Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) www.avs.org.hk

AVS founded in 1970, is a non-profit charity organization dedicated to playing a pivotal role in the promotion of sustainable volunteerism, and to develop partnership with all sectors of the community to provide value added and quality volunteer service to build a caring community. AVS provides volunteer referral service and training, organizes innovative and large-scale volunteer projects, promotes the "Hong Kong Volunteer Charter", and launches volunteer recognition programmes to inspire volunteering and quality volunteer service. AVS is a cooperating organization of United Nations Volunteers, promoting international volunteerism in Hong Kong.

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) www.unv.org

UNV is the UN organisation that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. UNV works with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism. UNV is active in around 130 countries every year and has Field Presences in about 60 countries.

Peace and Development Foundation (PDF) www.unpdf.hk

PDF is a Hong Kong-based philanthropic organization and an official partner of the UN Development Programme which coordinates all the UN agencies in China. PDF's ongoing cooperation with UNV began in 2011, through which it has fully funded a total of nine national UN Volunteer assignments at UN agencies in China, including at UNDP, UN Women, WHO, UNESCO, UNIDO, UN SPIDER, the Beijing Office of the Resident Coordinator of UNDP, and the UNV Office in China.

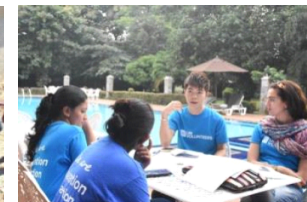
Hong Kong Volunteers Association (HKVA) www.hkvolunteers.org.hk

Founded on 14th January 2009, HKVA is a non-profit charity organization formed by the core members of Hong Kong volunteers in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. HKVA is dedicated to promoting civic consciousness through valuable volunteer service experience in the Olympics Games, facilitating public engagement towards sports, art and culture, charity events as well as helping those in need. HKVA also aims at developing collaborative partnership with all sectors of the community, encouraging and motivating involvement of organizations and individuals (especially adolescents), providing professional voluntary service and fostering members' commitment and contribution to the society.

Service Countries and Field Units

Service Countries

- ◆ Indonesia
- ◆ Malaysia
- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Thailand



Field Units

- ◆ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- ◆ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ◆ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ◆ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- ◆ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- ◆ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- ◆ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- ◆ World Food Programme (WFP)

Commitment of Volunteer Interns

- ◆ participate in pre-departure training in Hong Kong and orientation in the duty station
- ◆ complete a 6-month volunteer internship
- ◆ submit final report on the volunteer internship
- ◆ participate in post volunteer internship debriefing
- ◆ share experience and inspirations gained
- ◆ are liable to compensate the Programme for all costs incurred (airfare, living allowance, assignment cost, related administrative fee, etc.) if they withdraw from the Programme during volunteer internship period

Financial Support to Volunteer Interns

The following expenses will be fully funded:

- ◆ round trip travel costs from Hong Kong to duty station
- ◆ monthly living allowance
- ◆ health / life insurance

Application Procedures

Candidates must complete the application form and be nominated via the partner university



Shortlisted candidates must attend the selection interview(s)

- ◆ final selection of candidates will be subject to decision of UNV
- ◆ candidates who fail to attend the interview(s) will be disqualified



A Briefing Session will be held on 16 December 2022 (Friday) via Zoom to let the interested students know more about the Programme. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3hgEwQM> for registration by 15 December 2022.

Important Dates

Briefing Session	: 16 December 2022
Application Deadline (by students)	: 29 December 2022
Selection Interview	: 14 January 2023
Final Selection (for shortlisted candidates)	: January 2023
Pre-departure Training	: Late February 2023
Volunteer Internship Period	: March - August 2023
Post Volunteer Internship Debriefing	: Q4 2023
Volunteer Internship Recognition	: Q4 2023

