

## VOLUNTEER PACKAGE

### BEFORE YOU APPLY

Volunteering in developing countries isn't for everyone. The work can be demanding, the living conditions far from luxurious, and the challenges of communicating in an unfamiliar idiom while navigating third-world infrastructures and institutions daunting. You are sure to feel very far from familiar comforts. At the same time, virtually all our volunteers return home with glowing accounts of their time in the field, and all report that they have found the experience richly rewarding. In fact, a good many volunteers sign up for a second placement, and even a third one.

Volunteering for AWB projects is a great way to help these countries build stronger foundations for the future. To ensure that an AWB volunteer position is right for you, and you for it, please review the following before you apply.

#### *Essential characteristics of volunteers*

Volunteers must be respectful of their hosts' history, culture, perspectives, and goals, and committed to creating real and valuable change.

#### *Living conditions in the field*

We want our volunteers to be as safe and as comfortable as possible. Toward that end, we ensure that our volunteers' housing meets minimal conditions of comfort. This means that you will have electricity, indoor plumbing, and adequate furnishings and kitchen equipment.

You will be working for a host institution or ministry of education in most cases your hosts will provide accommodations; in some cases, they may also provide a stipend for your local expenses. You will be expected to work under the same conditions as your local colleagues concerning hours of work, relationships with your superiors and fellow workers, vacations, etc. Details specific to each project will be spelled out in the volunteer contract.

#### *Volunteers' health and safety*

The health and safety of AWB volunteers is our first priority. We do not send our volunteers to unsafe locations. In assessing the safety of each location, we are guided by the travel warnings of the governments of Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. Health services will be available, but may not be up to the standards to which you are accustomed. Travel and health insurance will be provided during the period of your assignment, including coverage for emergency evacuation.

AWB welcomes applications from people with disabilities. We make every effort to place applicants in host countries that can accommodate them.

#### *Financial package*

AWB's coverage of each volunteer's expenses depends on the assignment; a description of that coverage is contained in the job descriptions that are posted on our website as the positions become available.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Academic Personnel

#### Faculty Members or Others

- Two-Year College and CEGEP Faculty: Master's degree and three years of teaching experience
- University Faculty: Doctorate—except in fields in which this is not required, such as theatre arts, dance, and visual arts—and three years of teaching experience
- New PhDs: Doctorate and three years of teaching experience, which can include work as a graduate student assistant

#### Academic Administrators and Staff

- Three years of experience

### Non-Academic Professionals

Professional degree and three years of experience

## TO APPLY NOW

### Current Placements

You can find current available placements on our volunteer page ([www.awb-usf.org/volunteers/](http://www.awb-usf.org/volunteers/)) when they are available.

### Future Placements

If you wish to be put on a roster for upcoming placements, please fill out the short application form below and send it to [inquiry@awb-usf.org](mailto:inquiry@awb-usf.org). Please be certain that you meet our qualifications before applying. We will add your application to our database and contact you when a suitable placement becomes available.

**Please note** that sending in this form gives us permission to add you to our mailing list. You will receive mailings about volunteer opportunities as they become available along with other information about Academics Without Borders. **If you do not wish to be added to our mailing list, please do not submit this form, as e-mailings are our main mode of contacting potential volunteers.**

If you have any further questions, please contact [inquiry@awb-usf.org](mailto:inquiry@awb-usf.org).



## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AWB Roster for Future Placements

By filling out this application form, you are committing yourself to having your information entered in the AWB database. All information will be kept confidential and will only be used to match postings with potential volunteers.

Please fill out the application, **save it using your name as the file name**, and email it to [inquiry@awb-usf.org](mailto:inquiry@awb-usf.org).

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you retired?     Yes    No

What is the name and location of the institution of higher education at which you work(ed)?

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Department of \_\_\_\_\_

Rank, if staff or administrator, job title \_\_\_\_\_

Field or expertise \_\_\_\_\_

Country in which you are a resident \_\_\_\_\_

What language(s) other than English do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

In what language(s) other than English can you work? \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to have my email address added to AWB's mailing list

Signature (a typed signature is acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_