



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AT UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana offers the volunteer program *Voluntariado Javeriano* for students from foreign universities with which Pontificia Universidad Javeriana has cooperation agreements in force. The aim of this program is to offer students from different countries the opportunity to participate in a space that will allow them to experience different realities and realize about social problems in Colombia.

At the same time, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana seeks to contribute in integral education of the students, by offering an international experience as volunteer, accompanied by a training program that will provide participants with tools and elements that allow them generating effective and efficient volunteering actions.

The aim of the program is to develop social responsibility awareness and thereby contribute to the integral education of the students. It also supports the implementation of sustainable and self-managed projects that foster the development of the communities.

Time commitment

Enrolling in a volunteer project involves preparation time: at least two days of training at the beginning of the semester, and approximately 8 hours for awareness workshops. These activities are free of charge for the students.

In addition to preparation, the minimum time commitment for participating in a volunteer project is 3 hours per week: one hour of team planning and two hours of community work. This time does not include transportation time to where the communities are located.

The student must apply to the exchange program and complete at least one subject as a complement of the volunteer program.

The participants can choose the volunteer program after arriving at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. The student should verify that the class schedule allows him/her to participate in the chosen project. In the case both schedules overlap, the student must choose another volunteer project. *Voluntariado Javeriano* has about 25 different projects.

What type of projects does Pontificia Universidad Javeriana offer?

Below are some of the projects included in *Voluntariado Javeriano*:

Educational

We work with children in 3 community homes organizing activities that reinforce the educational proposal of community mothers. We work in School Tutoring with children attending a playroom/toy lending library.

Training

We work with a group of pregnant and breastfeeding women conducting workshops on topics of their interest. We work with four groups of senior adults who meet to receive training workshops on different topics.

Health

We support reflection seminars and training about critical issues such as prevention of sexual child abuse for volunteers and individuals who are responsible for community facilities. These activities are aimed at community leaders and community parents.

Education Projects

We support the restoration of a youth house by conducting different workshops to children, adolescents and adults. We also work in the generation of innovative projects to promote acquaintance with the proposal.



What are the requirements to participate in the program?

It is mandatory to simultaneously apply for the international exchange program and the volunteer program. Due to immigration reasons, it is not possible to participate only in the volunteer program as international student. In order to be able to participate in the volunteer program it is required that the student comes through the international exchange program and completes at least one subject.

It is worth mentioning that the application to the international exchange and the volunteer program are two different application processes.

The student is expected to prove:

- Commitment and perseverance
- Interest and respect for Volunteer Action
- Responsibility
- Creativity and critical point of view
- Communication skills

Completion Certificates

At the end of the semester, the student will receive a certificate, after having completed its participation in the volunteer program. The certificate will state the project the student participated in and the number of worked hours as volunteer. This certificate will be sent directly to the student's home university.

How to apply

Students have to apply to international exchange program through the web page:

<http://www.javeriana.edu.co/internacionalizacion/international-exchange-program>

In addition, they have to send the application form to the volunteer program to the Coordinator of *Voluntariado Javeriano*, Juanita Del Portillo, to jdelportillo@javeriana.edu.co and will be followed by an interview via Skype.



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