Community Ambassador Application
Fall Semester 2019

Michigan Tech Peace Corps Master's International Program

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Program Overview:

Community Ambassadors (CAs) are positions for Peace Corps Master's International students who have completed Peace Corps service and are still enrolled at Michigan Tech finishing their master's degrees. CAs receive a scholarship award of $1,000 per semester and are required to commit time to local service and building bridges for future student engagement with a local community organization.[1] You will also have opportunities to interact with undergraduate Community Ambassadors and informally mentor them by sharing your Peace Corps experiences.

If selected as a CA, you must commit to these requirements:

1. Be on-campus for the entire semester[2] for which the scholarship is given.

2. Attend one initial training session (about 1-2 hours) at the start of the semester when you begin the CA work.

3. Participate in one-hour meetings twice a month to share and reflect on the community work with other CAs and the PCMI Director.

4. Serve a minimum of 50 hours (spread over the semester) with a community organization of your choice. We have been developing partnerships with the Keweenaw Land Trust, Right Start UP, Aspirus Keweenaw, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, K-12 Schools (STEM outreach, etc.), Husky Food Access Network, Western UP Food Systems Council, and the English Language Institute. CAs are welcome to pursue volunteer opportunities in these organizations or develop relationships with new partners (for example, we'd love to build partnerships with Superior Watershed Partnership, Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, Citizens' Climate Lobby local chapter, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, Dial Help, and more). Students do not need to know which organization they will volunteer with when they apply, but will be responsible for identifying

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[1] Examples of community organizations include but are not limited to: Non-profits or interest groups serving families, kids, the elderly, vulnerable groups, artists, general public, etc. or addressing a social issue such as environmental sustainability, local food systems, cross-cultural relations, community development, etc.; K-12 schools; or government agencies with a service mission.

[2] Students attending a conference or other professional activity off-campus for a few days may still apply, but students should not participate if they are planning to be gone multiple weeks while classes are in session. The program requires that students participate in volunteering and other activities consistently throughout the whole semester.

and communicating with potential organizations in the first couple of weeks of the semester in order to select one.

5. Submit an end-of-semester report and make a presentation on the experience and future opportunities in the community organization for Michigan Tech students (grad or undergrad) to volunteer or collaborate on projects.

Application Instructions:

To apply to be a Community Ambassador (CA) for fall semester 2019, submit the following materials in a Word document to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu) no later than **April 15, 2019**:

1. Name

2. Contact information both now and during summer, if different (email, phone, address)

3. In 200-300 words, write a short essay that explains why you would like to be a Community Ambassador. Make sure to address the following: What type of community work would you like to do through this program (give examples)? What do you hope to contribute to the local community? How do you hope to grow as a person and professional through this experience?

4. Write a one or two sentence statement expressing that you are committed to abiding by the five requirements above (in "Program Overview,") if accepted to the program.

5. Submit your resume that highlights your skills, experience, and education. Make it professional- it will be shared with community organizations.

Please direct any questions to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu or 906-487-1843).