AmeriCorps*VISTA
Position Description


**Summary of Position:**

The VISTA member will help connect faculty, staff, and college students to the community and provide much needed volunteers for local non-profits through three days of service. In the past our days of service have provided around 700 volunteers to more than 25 local agencies that work in all areas of service. They will also help raise awareness of local issues and help students find an outlet for their service passion through two volunteer organization fairs held on the UF campus. These fairs host over forty student service organizations and local non-profits who over dozens of engagement opportunities while educating and advocating for their cause. The VISTA will directly with local agencies working in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and veterans issues through “Service In the Swamp”, which provides on-going service for college students through providing trained site-leaders in their agencies to coordinate the volunteers.

**Marginal Responsibilities:** Ability to work occasional evenings and weekend hours and service on Division of Student Affairs and/or University Committees

**AmeriCorps Member Responsibilities:** Attend all FL|CC AmeriCorps required trainings and events and complete and submit all FL|CC AmeriCorps required progress reports, timesheets, and other paperwork

**Required Qualifications:**

- Associates or Bachelor’s degree
- At least 18 years of age
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident
- Able to serve full-time for 365 days
- Able to pass a criminal history background check

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree
- Prior volunteer experience or work with student volunteers
- Ability to work with diverse populations
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills
- Passion for working with students and children
- Commitment to serving the community particularly related to issues of hunger and homelessness
- Strong computer skills (MS office)
- Event planning skills/experience
- An understanding of the integration of leadership and service

**AmeriCorps Member Benefits:**

- A living allowance for the term of service
- An education award after successful completion of service
- Health care
- Loan forbearance and interest accrual payment on qualified student loans
- Child care (if eligible)
- Training and professional development opportunities
- Access to an extensive network of AmeriCorps Alums

**Site Specific Benefits:**

- $250 per semester (Fall/Spring) meal allowance to be used at any of the University’s on-campus dining facilities
- Access to university recreation facilities
- Free use of the City of Gainesville Bus System

**To Apply:** The application process begins with the National AmeriCorps program at [https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=36949](https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=36949). Final placement subject to the availability of funding through Florida Campus Compact. Position open until filled.