

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP VOLUNTEERING



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THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

Mahatma Gandhi

How do I volunteer as a Global Citizen?

The Global Citizenship Program (GCP) offers Deakin University students the opportunity to broaden their horizon by volunteering in international community projects.

Each volunteer project aims to combine a healthy balance of work and recreation. Your involvement will help provide much needed support to developing communities and while projects will be challenging, they offer life-changing rewards. In return for your efforts, you will have the opportunity to explore the area, interact with locals and be immersed in their culture.

Project costs are kept to a minimum but please note that flights and associated travel costs are additional.

Volunteers can choose from a variety of destinations. These projects normally run for two-three weeks in either the inter-trimester break or at the end of Trimester 2. Feel free to further explore your chosen country before or after the volunteer program, at your own expense.

The GCP Volunteering program is worth 20 points towards the GCP award. To become a GCP award recipient you must earn 100 points of international experience. The award will instil in you the values of global citizenship and will communicate your international experience and associated competencies to future employers.

To register with the GCP email your full name, student ID and course code to global-citizenship@deakin.edu.au.

Volunteering programs

The destinations are as varied and exciting as the projects. The following is an example of what the Global Citizenship Volunteering program offers:

Fiji

This project involves the construction and refurbishment of preschools on the beautiful island of Taveuni.

India

Located in remote villages of the picturesque Spiti Valley, this program is a construction based ecotourism project.

Sri Lanka

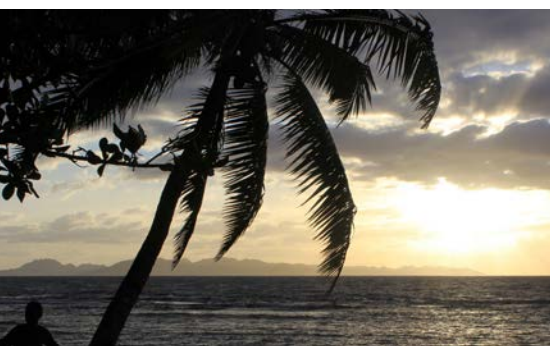
Volunteers are involved in a variety of projects focused on community and education in underprivileged schools in the eastern province of Sri Lanka.

Peru

Projects in local schools and communities in the Sacred Valley, range from decorating and refurbishing, to leading sports or artistic activities.

Malawi

Participate in a school based project that provides environmental education in a community within the African township of Senga Bay, on the shores of Lake Malawi.



'The amazing people I met whilst travelling through areas very few tourists will ever see, made volunteering in the breathtaking Spiti Valley an experience I will never forget.'

Ross Parry
Spiti Valley Volunteer 2013





**TELL ME AND I WILL FORGET,
SHOW ME AND I MAY
REMEMBER, INVOLVE ME
AND I WILL UNDERSTAND**

Chinese proverb

'I met the most inspirational people, experienced a truly beautiful way of life and have been transformed by this experience.'

**Kalinda Bish
Fiji Volunteer 2013**

Future projects

Deakin expects to increase the number of international volunteering opportunities available at present.

With so many worthy causes and a growing interest in international volunteering, you are bound to find the perfect project match for you.

Credit for volunteering?

You may be eligible to enrol in MIS291 'Community Based Volunteering' as a level 2 elective unit and earn credit towards your degree. For more information see www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/wil/cbv.php.

Domestic students undertaking the MIS291 unit may be eligible to apply for an OS-Help Loan to help fund their participation in the program. The purpose of OS-Help is to assist students with a range of expenses such as airfares and accommodation. For more information on eligibility see www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/fees/fee-payment-assistance.

Please note OS-Help Loans can take up to four weeks to process and payment deadlines must be met regardless of the status of your loan.

For more information

Please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeakinUniversityGCP to keep up to date with all Global Citizenship Volunteering opportunities, and for information on how to apply for programs.



'The Fiji project was a truly humbling experience - to be taken in by local families is an experience I will never forget.'

**Andrew Ross
Fiji Volunteer 2013**



Deakin University Global Citizenship students in South Taveuni, Fiji

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