**Field Experience Guidelines**

1. Field experience may include work, volunteer, or internship experience.
2. The field experience requirement of the Peace Corps Prep Program has two primary purposes:
   1. First, it provides participating students with practical experience and skills in sectors related to future Peace Corps service
   2. Second, it requires students to reflect upon the personal rewards and challenges of service, creating a foundation that extends into Peace Corps service after graduation
3. There are various opportunities for students to complete their field experience hours, as listed in each program field area.
4. Upon the completion of 50 hours of field experience, students must submit a [field experience evaluation form](http://masonglobal.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Volunteer-Service-reporting.pdf) completed and sign by their on-site supervisor. It will be reviewed by the Peace Corps Prep Committee for approval.

Consult with [University Career Services](http://careers.gmu.edu/) for finding and applying to specific work and internship experiences. Participate in workshops on working with international and intergovernmental organizations, and meet with your [industry adviser](http://careers.gmu.edu/students/appointment/).

Consult with staff at the Center for [Social Action and Integrative Learning (SAIL)](http://sail.gmu.edu) regarding specific service opportunities with off-campus organizations **before** beginning volunteer service. Students interested in receiving academic credit for their community service hours should inquire with SAIL about and register for [Mason Service Corps](http://sail.gmu.edu/program/mason-service-corps) before beginning their service project.