

AmeriCorps*VISTA Opportunities - Louisiana Campus Compact

The following are VISTA opportunities with Louisiana Campus Compact. The positions are part of the Louisiana Campus Compact VISTA project that is designed to service-learning and civic engagement activities.

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Following is the general description and qualifications for all positions.

VISTA Member Assignment Description

AmeriCorps*VISTAs will:

- Coordinate and support the work of campus wide service-learning and civic engagement activities.
- Establish an advisory council composed of faculty/staff/students as well as community members to guide local project activities.
- Facilitate the development of formal partnerships between community organizations and the campus.
- Assist faculty in implementing service learning courses into the existing curriculum.
- Identify current campus service-learning courses and create an inventory of courses for publication.
- Identify community organizations that work with poverty-related issues and develop a local directory for campus use.
- Research financial, in-kind and other potential resources for campus service-learning and civic engagement projects.
- Research and develop public relations with local media for future news releases and announcements pertaining to project accomplishments.

Required Qualifications

- Knowledge of postsecondary service-learning and civic engagement efforts.
- Ability to collaborate with students, faculty, administrators as well as community-based organizations.
- Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Possess strong organizational skills, including training, project management, public speaking, event planning and implementation.
- Ability to drive and have access to a vehicle (for placements in areas without adequate public transportation).

Preferred Qualification

- Baccalaureate degree.



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Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana **Application Deadline: Ongoing**

CERT was formed in 1996 as a non-profit regional, higher education intermediary to develop a technological workforce in response to industry needs, and is dedicated to improving the infrastructure for innovation and competitiveness across north Louisiana. CERT is governed by a 12-member Board comprised of college and university chancellors and presidents that works to fulfill its mission: to match Louisiana's higher education resources with the economic and workforce development of citizens and businesses in the 22-parish region of north Louisiana. As an Associate Member of the Southern Growth Policies Board (SGPB), a 14-state economic development initiative, CERT has been recognized as a Southern Best Practice for workforce development. CERT has extensive experience in administering local, regional, state and federal grants, including a National Science Foundation grant and Louisiana Economic Development funding, and as of June 30, 2006 has received close to \$1.4 million in grants and contracts.

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Delgado Community College **Application Deadline: Ongoing**

Founded in 1921, Delgado is Louisiana's oldest and largest community college and serves students throughout a five parish region. Its liberal arts comprehensive education provides the foundation for students with associate degrees that transfer to most Louisiana four-year universities. And, certificate programs through the LTC and Delgado give students fast track training for available jobs now in many growing industries including construction, shipbuilding, culinary arts, allied health, and more.

In 2005, two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, swept across the southeast region leaving much devastation in their paths. Delgado's '05 fall semester was interrupted after only one week of school as most of its record-breaking enrollment of 17,400 students, plus faculty and staff, were displaced throughout the country. The main campus at City Park and the Slidell Learning Center suffered the most damage yet the college was able to return to all locations for the '06 Spring semester—City Park, West Bank, Charity School of Nursing, Kenner, Covington, Slidell, and the Maritime, Fire and Industrial Training Facility.

A service learning committee was formed soon after the campus reopened to research ways that students, faculty and staff could join with the community to help rebuild the city and help those in need. College-wide training sessions were held and small groups of faculty began meeting to redesign their courses and implement service learning projects. A community partner fair was held recently to spread the word to local non-profits about the initiative. Plans are underway to further develop marketing materials, outreach programs, and assessment tools that will support future growth and sustainability of the program.

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Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Nearing its 50th Anniversary, LSU Alexandria is Central Louisiana's only baccalaureate degree-granting public institution. With more than 2,700 students and 106 faculty members, LSUA serves primarily 10 parishes surrounding Alexandria. Currently, LSUA offers six baccalaureate degrees including B.S. in Biology, B.S. in Elementary Education, Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Liberal Studies (business, communication studies, English, history, mathematics, psychology and theatre majors), B.S. in Mathematics and B.S. in Psychology with several degree programs in the approval process. The Oaks, the first campus student housing, opened in Fall 2007. The one-, two-, and four-bedroom apartment style units provide housing for a total of 256 students. LSUA hired its first athletic director in January 2007. The University will begin competing in NAIA men's baseball and women's fast-pitch softball in Spring 2008. A new on-campus baseball and softball complex is scheduled for completion in 2009

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McNeese State University

Application Deadline: Ongoing

McNeese State University, a member of the University of Louisiana System, is an evolving comprehensive university offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs. As a public institution of higher learning, McNeese State University is committed to the principles of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination. The primary educational mission of McNeese State University is to provide a wide range of baccalaureate and carefully selected graduate curricula, distinguished by academic excellence. Fundamental to this primary function is the faculty commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and creative scholarly activity. McNeese is oriented both to the liberal arts and to professional programs. Core requirements for all students and degree programs in the humanities, fine arts, social science, natural sciences, and mathematics reflect the University's commitment as does emphasis on education, business, engineering, and nursing programs.

The University seeks to stimulate students to maximum intellectual growth and love of learning, to cultivate the skills necessary for critical thinking and effective expression, to foster understanding of the multicultural world community, and to develop a sense of opportunities, resources, and expertise to achieve academic, personal, and career goals within an atmosphere conducive to their total development. McNeese has an important responsibility for education, research, and service in Southwest Louisiana. The University is committed to providing learning opportunities; enhancing intellectual, civic, and cultural well-being; influencing economic and technological development; and improving quality of life.

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River Parishes Community College

Application Deadline: Ongoing

River Parishes Community College (RPCC) is an open admission two-year, post-secondary, public institution located in Sorrento, Louisiana. The college enrolled its first class of students in the spring of 1999. RPCC is a member of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The college offers an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, an Associate of General Studies with various concentrations, an Associate of Science degree in General Science and an Associate of Science in Teacher Education. RPCC is committed to establishing a teaching and learning environment that sustains institutional excellence. The College is located in the rapidly growing Ascension parish town of Sorrento in what is known as the river parishes region of the state because of the proximity of the parishes to the Mississippi River. RPCC's primary service area is southern Ascension, Assumption, St. James and St. John parishes. These river parishes sit at the crossroads of South Louisiana's historic Plantation Country, and they are home to several of the nation's large petro-chemical companies.

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