



Request for a Volunteer from a university

The “**University Volunteer Network**” provides human resources and knowledge resources, through qualified and experienced volunteers from partner universities. These volunteers serve for six months in developing countries.

The Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) acts as the coordinating university of the Spanish University Volunteer Network currently comprising 24 Spanish universities. To date, 198 assignments have been carried out. This year, it is envisaged to field 45 volunteers to work towards achieving the MDGs in selected areas of Youth, education, health, environment and Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) **with a relevant youth component**. The volunteers are to primarily support host institutions supported by UNV's MDG Facility as well as UN Projects and Programmes engaged in MDGs-related activities. The focus of these assignments will be on capacity building.

Instructions for completing this form

- The form should be completed as detailed as possible bearing in mind that the Terms of Reference are aimed at student volunteers and not professionals.
- Host organizations should retain a copy of the form.
- The goal of this form is to provide pertinent information on the qualifications requested in order to recruit the best possible candidate for this student volunteer assignment.

Requesting Organization

Name: UNESCO Guatemala

Describe the role/mandate of the organization

Year of establishment: November 16, 1945

Size of organization: World wide

Number of staff: Guatemala: 21 Persons

Other pertinent information: n/a

Field of activity: Education, Culture, Communication & Information, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences

Is your organization assisted/funded by other organizations/companies: Is founded on countries.

United Nations Volunteers

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Terms of Reference

Assignment title: Assistant Natural Science Sector

Expected starting date: October 2010

Preamble:

As a United Nations Volunteers (UNV) assignment, this post is based on the values of free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the foundations of volunteerism. Volunteering brings benefit to the individual volunteer. It makes important contributions, economically, as well as socially. It contributes to creating social cohesion and capital, through helping to build trust and reciprocity among citizens.

The United Nations Volunteers is the UN Organization that supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism and mobilization of volunteers. It serves the causes of peace and development through enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. It is universal, inclusive and embraces volunteer actions in all its diversity.

Volunteerism is diverse and is embedded in all cultures and traditions. In this context, as a United Nations Volunteer you are encouraged and expected to relate to local volunteerism and to be identified with the concept. You are expected to regard your national colleagues as peers and together uphold trust as volunteers among yourselves and within the communities and the organization you are assigned to.

Detailed Terms of Reference: (Please describe in as much detail as possible the services required from the university volunteer(s) and how his/her/their contribution will fit into the organization's plans.)

Support is requested in the following fields:

Volunteers in **education** can provide assistance in teaching and tutoring. Typically, volunteers in **ICT4D** can help to develop and set-up websites and networks as well as databases, e.g. through the provision of training. In Panama, volunteers have helped to promote capacity building activities in the area of disaster-related education activities. University volunteers in **health** have helped to educate and raise awareness among Cape Verdian mothers in HIV/AIDS. In the area of **environment**, they have developed information material in disaster-related management.

The volunteer will be supporting the following area(s) of the MDGs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve maternal health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve universal primary education | <input type="checkbox"/> Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote gender equality and empower women | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure environmental sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce child mortality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop a global partnership for development |

Detailed description of the tasks to be carried out by the University Volunteer:

- ✓ Assist the Natural Sciences Coordinator in the Guatemala Office and act as the Natural Sciences focal point.
- ✓ Identify sciences needs in the region, in water and ecological sciences, prepare inputs for the UNESCO Medium Term Strategy (C/4), ensuring the close cooperation with other programme sectors for the formulation of interdisciplinary activities, especially maintain close relation within the world heritage sites and nature.
- ✓ In coordination with the Office in Montevideo (IHP) and the Division of Water Sciences at HQ, implement the water sciences programme in order to achieve the integration and sustainable water resources management and trans-boundary cooperation.
- ✓ In coordination with the Secretariat of Man and Biosphere (MAB) at Headquarters, implement the ecological sciences programme for the application of the Seville strategy and Madrid Plan of Action.



- ✓ Elaborate practical science education in cooperation with the Education Sector.
- ✓ Create a water renewal project according to the Country's resources.
- ✓ Contribute to the design of a resource mobilization strategy for the Office and mobilize extra-budgetary resources for projects aimed at consolidation and complementing the Natural Sciences Programme to ensure implementation of these projects.
- ✓ Support to the Natural Tourism.

Assignment target (i.e. capacity building impact):

Required Volunteer qualifications:

- Education: Advanced university degree in the field of natural sciences, engineering or related fields.
- Language: Spanish and English. French would be an Asset.
- Specific skills in requested area: Water and ecological experience (e.g. related to youth, education, health, environment or ICT4D):
- Computer/software skills: Good IT skills: Microsoft Office in general
- Additional skills: Knowledge and or experience on the UN working system are desirable.

Other Information: All below fields are mandatory prior to clearance

A) Visa

- Please specify type of visa needed for nationals from Spain to enter your country:
 - ☐ Tourist visa (if yes, return ticket needed)
 - ☒ **No visa or visa upon arrival at airport**
 - ☐ Visa before departure

B) Accommodation

- Location of assignment: Guatemala City, UNESCO Guatemala Office
- Nearest airport: Aurora Airport in Guatemala City
- Type of accommodation¹: Private Residence
- Address: UN security approved zones in Guatemala City
- Approximate monthly cost of accommodation: US\$500.00 or more
- Security provision and approximate costs: US\$400.00
- Means of local transport for the volunteer: UN authorized private taxi companies
- What other facilities will be offered to the university volunteer(s)? Office space, equipment required to conduct mission, secure transport from residence to office provided by Program.

C) Local transportation

- Means of local transportation for the volunteer: UN authorized private taxi companies
- Approximate monthly cost: US\$200.00

D) Security provision

- Security provision and approximate costs:

E) Other

- What other facilities will be offered to the university volunteer(s)?

A direct supervisor will be appointed to support the University UNV in their mission within UNESCO.

¹ The accommodation for university volunteers has to be compliant with the Minimum Operating Residential Security Standards (MORSS). It needs to be cleared by the UN Field Security Officer **prior** to the fielding of the volunteers.



UNV Guatemala COT will provide in country briefing (which further compliments pre-departure briefing at UNV Bonn) on arrival, identify a UNV “buddy” to provide informal support, and facilitate further learning and training at UNV Guatemala quarterly workshops. Professional facilities required for this mission are provided by UNESCO

Signature on behalf of requesting Organization

(Signature)

April 26, 2010
(Date)

General Assignment Criteria

Capacity Building and Sustainability

The assignment(s) must clearly focus on capacity building (of local beneficiaries) e.g. on the application of ICT. An assignment which concentrates on e.g. ICT product delivery, like set up of a network or creation of a website, without close collaboration with local staff does not qualify. The target group of a particular assignment should be able to independently apply e.g. ICT for their purposes after the university volunteer leaves. Ensuring sustainability, further promoting volunteerism, as well as raising awareness about the Millennium Development Goals in the country of assignment are key criteria, which are common to all assignments.

Host Organization and Living Conditions

The host organization needs to demonstrate that it will provide a necessary enabling environment for the university volunteers so they can be productive from the start and sustain a positive performance throughout their assignment. This includes the provision of necessary (e.g. computing) equipment and if need be, connectivity. It also includes the identification of a direct supervisor for the volunteer.

After completion, please return this questionnaire to your UNV Country Office by fax, mail or email. Thank you!