TALKING POINTS

For recruiters to refer to when guiding leads.
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- Peace Corps' host countries request Peace Corps Volunteers to work on defined projects and address specific needs. They tell us what they need and we find Americans who have the skills.

- Visit peacecorps.gov/openings for a list of current Peace Corps positions and their related requirements.

- New jobs are posted every **three months**.

- Apply **6 to 12 months before** you'd like to depart.

- **Apply early –** *you can submit your application before the deadline date!*

- In order to be considered for a position, **you must meet the "Required Qualifications"** listed in the job description. *Qualified applicants have, at a minimum, the skills and experience that match the Required Skills listed on the job posting and the most competitive applicants also have many of the Desired Skills listed in the job posting.*

- **Tailor your resume** to the job description. Highlight your past work and volunteer experience (including hours worked per week) that match the skills required for the position to which you are applying.

- You can **apply to up to three countries or work assignments**. You will have the opportunity **to choose the country, assignment, and date of departure** for which you will be considered. Or you may be willing to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer wherever your skills are needed most. There is a **"notes field,"** which allows you to tell us more about your regional or language preference.

- Select **ONLY the countries that match your Medical Sort List.** You will not be considered for countries that cannot accommodate your medical needs.

- About 95% of Peace Corps Volunteers depart for service **January through September**, with <u>one fifth of all Volunteers departing in June</u> - our busiest month.

- If you aren't selected, you can apply again! You'll have to submit another application and an updated resume, but your interview and references are valid for one year after you apply.