

Opportunities for College Graduates with Volunteers in Asia

As a member of the AAS and one with a long-standing interest in Asia, the work of Volunteers in Asia [VIA] may be of interest and use to you and your students.

VIA is a US-based nonprofit organization offering practical, on-the-ground experience in Asia for Americans. For college graduates and others who seek practical work experience in Asia, VIA places volunteers with partner NGOs, schools and universities in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam.

VIA places volunteers in often-neglected locations where few Americans go.

VIA partners work in education, women's rights and anti-trafficking, the environment, community development, and other areas meeting local needs. There, VIA volunteers help build local capacity in English or offer resource training to local NGO organizations, while learning about local culture, building new friendships, gaining field-based experience in areas of interest.

Since 1963, VIA has provided innovative experiential-learning programs in Asia that promote cross-cultural understanding, build partnerships, and offer transformative experiences for participants and the communities they serve.

VIA seeks recent college graduates and adults of all ages living in the United States, who are interested in exploring new opportunities in Asia. Fluency in English is a prerequisite for program participation, and a college degree is required for one- and two-year positions.

If you or your students are interested in working with Asian partners, experiencing cross-cultural exchange, and furthering communication and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Asia, chances are high there is a VIA program for you. Check out the VIA website at www.viaprograms.org or for further questions, contact David Manning at david@viaprograms.org