



VISTA
Volunteers in Service to America



Saint Mary's College of California AmeriCorps VISTA Program 2020—2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AmeriCorps VISTA Members (a.k.a. VISTAs) are highly skilled and motivated self-starters that are dedicated to their anti-poverty mission to empower individuals and communities. Believe you have what it takes? JOIN US!

Saint Mary's College of California (SMC) sponsors an AmeriCorps VISTA project designed to strengthen partnerships between higher education and nonprofit organizations in an effort to alleviate poverty and create positive social change. VISTAs make a **year-long** (52 weeks), **full-time** (40 hr/wk) commitment to serve specific objectives at nonprofit agencies.

VISTAs in our program serve **1 day per week at higher education institutions and 4 days per week at nonprofit agencies**. They endeavor to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of agencies that provide education & health services, foster economic development, and otherwise support low-income communities.

AMERICORPS VISTA BENEFITS

- Living Allowance (dependent on County)
 - \$20,000–\$24,000 (\$1,667–\$2,000 monthly)
- \$6,195 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or \$1,800 Cash End of Service Stipend
- Eligibility for many benefits including Federal Student Loan Forbearance or Deferment

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- \$500 Cell Phone Reimbursement
- Exposure to nonprofit and higher education settings

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Four-Year College Degree
- United States citizen, national, or legal resident
- Previous service and leadership experience
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Organized and detail-oriented
- Experience working with diverse populations

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge & experience with community organizing
- Valid driver's license and access to personal transportation

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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PROGRAM START–END: **08/03/2020—08/02/2021**

APPLY by MAY 15th (extensions available)

MORE DETAILED INFO at:

STMARYS-CA.EDU/VISTA →



Higher Education Institutions and Nonprofit Partner Agencies

- Saint Mary's College of California
 - Alameda Point Collaborative
 - De La Salle Academy
 - Hope Solutions (formerly CCIH)
 - St. Mary's Center
 - We Care Services for Children
- Sonoma State University
 - City of Santa Rosa
 - Petaluma Health Center
- Stanford University
 - Day Worker Center of Mountain View
 - StreetCode Academy
- University of San Diego
 - Access Inc.
- University of San Francisco
 - Success Centers



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VISTA Member,
2017-2018

"My VISTA year was a wonderful professional development opportunity with dedicated staff to support my growth — rare in the frantic rush of most nonprofits! The mission of VISTA allowed us to be flexible in building capacity at our sites in a wide variety of ways. Through this year, I was able to develop new skills and knowledge that I continue to use everyday, as well as gain clarity on what my future career might look like. During VISTA, I met some of my best friends and continue to work with them on the issues that matter most to me."

AmeriCorps VISTA Core Principles:

Anti-poverty Focus — Community Empowerment — Sustainable Solutions — Capacity Building