



Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program at UMass Boston

UMass Boston is proud to be a partner university of the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program, run by the U.S. Peace Corps. Our Coverdell Fellows are Returned Peace Corps Volunteers enrolled in master's programs at the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development (SGISD).

The Coverdell Program offers incentives for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to attend graduate schools across the United States. SGISD's Coverdell Fellows receive financial assistance from UMass Boston as they participate in internships in underserved communities in the greater Boston area.

Master's Degree in Global Inclusion and Social Development

Our 36-credit master's degree in Global Inclusion and Social Development (GISD) focuses on reasons that various populations are excluded from their communities worldwide. Exclusion can be related to gender, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and economic status.

Our GISD students undertake internships at community-based organizations in and around Boston. They go on to serve as leaders in their communities, as well as at national and international nonprofits, in state and national government, and in the for-profit sphere. In all these roles, they increase inclusion regionally, nationally, and globally.

The GISD MA program is flexible and can be completed in about one and a half or two years of full-time study, or over a longer time span for students who choose to study part time. Online study options are available.

Benefits Available to Coverdell Fellows

- In-state tuition for out-of-state students
- Application fee covered by our graduate program
- Six academic credits for Peace Corps service
- Internship-for-credit opportunities

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Who is Eligible?

We are looking for Coverdell Fellows who:

- Successfully completed their Peace Corps service
- Want to apply what they learned in their country of service working with underserved populations
- Have a strong interest in social justice and inclusion
- Have a 3.0 GPA or better from their undergraduate institution

How to Apply

Coverdell applicants should apply via the regular SGISD application process (outlined on our website), submitting all required materials to the UMass Boston Office of Graduate Admissions. Please indicate on your application that you are a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and wish to be considered for a Coverdell Fellowship. You will also need to provide your official Description of Service from the Peace Corps.

We will contact qualified applicants to ask for additional information about your Peace Corps service and interest in the Coverdell Program.

Questions?

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