

## Peace Corps names Tulane No. 1 producer of volunteers for 2018

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Tulane University alumna Carlin O'Brien serves in Nicaragua as a health volunteer. She credits her time at Tulane and the university's international development program with inspiring her to serve in the Peace Corps. (Photo from Peace Corps)

For the fourth consecutive year, Tulane University is ranked first among graduate schools for the number of volunteers who join the Peace Corps. There are 27 alumni currently serving, 22 from the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

In addition to leading the graduate school pack, Tulane also ranks No. 5 among medium undergraduate schools with the most Peace Corps volunteers. This ranking is up from No. 10 in 2017 and is based on the 33 alumni volunteering worldwide.

“Our continued ranking as a top producer of Peace Corps volunteers is a source of intense pride for Tulane University,” said Tulane President Mike Fitts. “Using the knowledge and skills acquired through interdisciplinary studies to develop innovative solutions to global problems is a central part of a Tulane education. This makes the Peace Corps and Tulane a perfect match.”

The annual list of Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities released Wednesday by the Peace Corps has ranked Tulane among the top producers every year since 2011. Since the agency’s founding in 1961, 587 Tulane graduates have served in communities around the world.

In Nicaragua, Tulane alumna Carlin O’Brien works as a health educator and leads training on HIV/AIDS and gender equality workshops at the local hospitals and high schools.

“I felt very prepared entering Peace Corps training, an intense three-month period that covers language, technical and cross-cultural skills,” said O’Brien. “I already had many of the skills that Peace Corps promoted, like monitoring and evaluation practices, community assessment strategies, and even grant-writing experience.”

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing colleges and universities according to the size of the student body. Large colleges consist of more than 15,000 undergraduates, medium colleges have between 5,000 and 15,000, and small colleges are those with fewer than 5,000 students.

View the complete 2018 rankings of the top 25 schools in each category [here](#) and find an interactive map that shows where alumni from each college and university are serving [here](#).

Medium Colleges & Universities - Total Volunteers:

*Between 5,000 and 15,000 undergraduates*

1. George Washington University - 50
2. American University - 49
3. College of William and Mary - 35
4. University of Montana - 34
5. Tulane University - 33

Graduate Schools - Total Volunteers:

1. Tulane University - 27
2. American University - 19
3. University of South Florida - 16
4. George Washington University - 15
5. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor - 14
5. Columbia University - 14
5. University of Denver - 14

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