



Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Program



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Volunteers in Service to America – combating poverty since 1965!

Do you seek to change your community? Are you interested in committing to a year of service while building collaborative relationships, implementing programs that have real impact in surrounding communities, and developing leadership skills?

What is Iowa Campus Compact?

Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) is a state-wide organization of college and university presidents who promote the education and commitment of Iowa college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular, and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning, and civic engagement.

*What is AmeriCorps*VISTA?*

AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a full-time national service program for men and women ages 18 and older interested in developing lasting solutions to poverty in America. AmeriCorps*VISTA members serve at non-profit organizations, college campuses, and with other agencies and local government to address poverty, mobilize resources, and increase capacity of low-income communities. Over 170,000 individuals have participated in AmeriCorps*VISTA since 1965.

*What is the IACC AmeriCorps*VISTA Program?*

The Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Program was created in 2004 through a partnership between IACC and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). IACC VISTA members act as transformative agents between institutions of higher education and their surrounding communities to build, support, and develop the capacity for IACC member institutions and their students to be better stewards of the community and to gain a richer and more valuable experience outside the classroom. IACC VISTA members must build sustainability into the project and community and ultimately leave programs and structures in place that no longer require VISTA resources. They strive to build mutually beneficial relationships which lead to long-term partnerships between community-based organizations and higher education institutions, enhance the quality of service-learning programs, improve student leadership in service, and increase the number of students in service to their community.

Living Allowance & Benefits of IACC VISTA Members

AmeriCorps*VISTA members receive a living allowance of \$10,296. In addition, they receive health benefits, training, student loan forbearance of qualified loans during their year of service, childcare assistance (available upon request), and relocation expenses (if moving over 50 miles). Upon successful completion of the year of service, members receive either an education award in the amount of \$5,350 (can be applied to student loans or future college education for up to seven years) or an end-of-service stipend of \$1,500.

2009-2010 IACC VISTA Sites

AIB College of Business	Des Moines, IA
Amanda the Panda	Des Moines, IA
Boys & Girls Club of Central Iowa	Des Moines, IA
Central College	Pella, IA
Children & Family Urban Ministries	Des Moines, IA
Coe College	Cedar Rapids, IA
Cornell College	Mt. Vernon, IA
Des Moines Public Schools	Des Moines, IA
GEAR UP/World of Difference	Des Moines, IA
Iraqi Support Project	Des Moines, IA
Northwestern College	Orange City, IA
Simpson College	Indianola, IA
Simpson Urban Studies Institute	Des Moines, IA
St. Ambrose University	Davenport, IA
University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA
Wartburg College	Waverly, IA

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