



Massachusetts | **Campus Compact**

ONE YEAR OF WORK, A LIFETIME OF CHANGE...

**Take Responsibility for Making a Difference in Your Community
Join a Diverse Group of Individuals Committed to Civic Engagement
Gain Experience and Skills Working with Faculty, Staff, Students, and
Community Partners**

Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator AmeriCorps*VISTA positions available across Massachusetts!

The **MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA program** was created in 1997 in response to the needs of MACC member campuses and in recognition of the potential of institutions of higher education to more responsibly address the local needs of low-income communities—to become mechanisms for community change. Through their unique campus-based placements, MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA Coordinators build, support, and extend the capacity of member institutions to establish and maintain strong community partnerships and service programs. Coordinators connect community-based organizations with campus resources, helping to enhance student volunteer groups, service-learning courses, and federal work-study programs. This work helps bridge the gap that can exist between campuses and communities. Coordinators remain connected to their network of AmeriCorps*VISTA peers all year, sharing ideas and participating in significant training and professional development opportunities.

MACC (Massachusetts Campus Compact) is a nonprofit coalition of 73 college and university presidents committed to strengthening communities through campus-community collaboration and education for informed and active citizenship. MACC mobilizes the diverse human, financial, and material resources of higher education institutions to make real changes throughout Massachusetts.

The **AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program** provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based, and other public agencies to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

During their year of service, MACC AmeriCorps*VISTAs gain tremendous experience through personal and professional training:

*grant review*grant writing*public speaking*situational leadership*building effective partnerships*
fundraising*diversity training and social justice education*conflict resolution*designing and
facilitating reflection*program evaluation*strategies for sustainability*student development
theory*recruitment and retention of volunteers*service learning 101*careers in the common
good*team-building*asset-based community development*community organizing*

**“I always had strong ties to my community, but I never had the chance to translate my
ideas into actions. The MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA program showed me that it is possible to
take on professional responsibilities within community work.”**

*Ira Hammerslough, MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA 2005-2006*

Qualifications:

- ◆ College Degree - A.A./A.S. or B.A./B.S.
- ◆ Strong interest in and commitment to community, service, and social change
- ◆ Knowledge of and/or interest in working with students, faculty, administrators, and community members
- ◆ Proven leadership ability
- ◆ Strong organizational, project and multi-task management, public speaking, and event planning skills
- ◆ Excellent at both verbal and written communication

Benefits:

Each MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA is a full-time member of AmeriCorps and is eligible for:

- ◆ Post-service educational award of \$4,725
- ◆ Health coverage
- ◆ Monthly living allowance of \$909-\$1129, depending on location
- ◆ Relocation allowance and/or travel stipend to pre-service orientation
- ◆ Non-competitive eligibility for federal employment following the year of full-time service
- ◆ Student loan forbearance

To apply:

Register for an account at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/recruit/registration.do> and submit application for "Massachusetts Campus Compact" AmeriCorps*VISTA program (Listing ID MA450208-0).

In addition, please send Cover Letter; Resume; and Names, Titles, Addresses, Emails, and Phone Numbers of 4 references (including 2 you list on your MyAmeriCorps account) to:

carly.bruder@tufts.edu **or**
Carly Bruder, AmeriCorps*VISTA Coordinator
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Questions should be directed to Justen K.J. Cantan, AmeriCorps*VISTA Leader:

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Please visit our webpage at <http://www.masscampuscompact.org>

For more info on the AmeriCorps*VISTA program, visit <http://www.americorps.gov>

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, so apply early. Telephone interviews will begin in early March.

"Connections have been one of the greatest elements of my experience as a MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA. I can articulate links between my past education and my current professional experience and my future goals. I also have developed relationships with a diverse group of community partners, faculty, staff, and students. Each individual has shared a new perspective, a life experience, and another opportunity to grow as a citizen."

*Rachel Szyman, MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA 2005-2007*

"Being an AmeriCorps*VISTA member with Massachusetts Campus Compact has given me amazing opportunities. I supervise a student-staff, make policy decisions, and work with community members to create new programs. I've collaborated with the college president and numerous student groups. This position has given me a chance to develop valuable skills and gain experience while directly impacting the community. Having just graduated from college, I could not have asked for a better experience."

*Jeremy Poehnert, MACC AmeriCorps*VISTA 1998-2001*

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