Seeking: College Health Corps VISTA Members for 2015-16
Serve for a Year. Make a Difference that Lasts. Take your Community Leadership to a New Level.

Now Accepting Applications
The College Health Corps (CHC) is an AmeriCorps VISTA national service program working to promote health equity and support the wellness of low income people in Minnesota. VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is the capacity-building, indirect service arm of the AmeriCorps national service program, likened to a domestic Peace Corps. CHC VISTA members commit to serving one year, full time, to address health issues affecting low-income Minnesotans through capacity building projects focused on program development and enhancement. VISTA members are provided a modest living allowance and several other financial supports during their year of service.

CHC is a program of Minnesota Campus Compact, an organization that supports civic engagement and democratic renewal through its diverse network of colleges and universities. CHC connects higher education institutions with community clinics and nonprofits to create greater healthcare access and health literacy for underserved populations. For program information visit: www.mncampuscompact.org/chc

How to apply:
Click on the links below to find specific position descriptions for each project site. To see all health corps project site descriptions, search “MN Health Corps” in the project name field on this website. Please note that applicants must create a profile and application on the same myAmericorps website and then submit that profile information to each of the project sites of interest. Most sites also require that applicants email a cover letter and resume to the listed site supervisor. The priority deadline to apply is Friday, April 3rd, 2015. Apply as soon as possible; interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Please contact Sinda Nichols at sinda@mncampuscompact.org or 612-436-2080 for more information.

2015-2016 College Health Corps AmeriCorps VISTA Sites
(click link to see specific position listing)

- American Indian Cancer Foundation, Minneapolis
- Health Commons & Campus Kitchen with Augsburg College, Minneapolis
- CARE Clinic, Red Wing
- Century College, White Bear Lake
- Community Dental Care, St. Paul
- Metropolitan State University Dental Clinic, St. Paul/Maplewood
- Minneapolis Health Department Youth Violence Intervention Program (MYVIP), Minneapolis
- Rochester Student Health Services School Clinic, Rochester
- Southwest Minnesota State University with the Marshall Area YMCA, Marshall
- The University of Minnesota's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), Minneapolis
- Winona Health & Wellness with Winona State University, Winona
- Health Corps VISTA Leader*, Minnesota Campus Compact, Minneapolis (*Must be VISTA alum for Leader position.)
Seeking applicants with:

- Strong interest or experience in campus-community partnerships
- Strong interest or experience in health care, public health, or issues of health equity
- Commitment to the mission of the project and its impact on communities
- Proven leadership ability; public speaking, event planning, and organizational skills; project and multi-task management skills; excellent verbal and written communication skills

Duties may include:

- Developing and implementing projects that address healthcare access, the social determinants of health, and health education for low-income individuals
- Identifying ways to leverage campus assets to increase healthcare access (i.e. use of campus facilities, engaging faculty, staff, and student groups, service learning across multiple academic disciplines, etc)
- Developing culturally specific health messaging materials
- Developing outreach and community engagement strategies
- Serving as an intermediary between the campus and community healthcare organizations
- Supporting project evaluation and implementing feedback
- Developing and piloting health prevention and intervention programming
- Writing grants and other funding outreach to increase financial support
- Building and improving systems to build organizational infrastructure
- Creating or expanding volunteer and outreach programs

Benefits:

- Living allowance of approx. $983/month, Metro area, or $973/month, greater MN (pre-tax). (VISTA Leader: $1183/month)
- Choice of Education Award of $5,730 or End-of-Service Award of $1,500 upon successful completion of service
- Federal Student Loan forbearance (if Education Award is elected)
- Healthcare Allowance of $6,600
- Training and professional development
- Childcare assistance subsidies (if eligible)
- Relocation allowance of $550 if moving more than 50 miles to a new location in order to serve
- Some project sites may provide housing supports. (VISTA Leader: $100/month housing support.)
- Opportunity to be a part of a national service movement and work with a cohort of other committed health corps VISTA members

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age; college degree preferred.
- Must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident
- Ability to make a full-year commitment starting June 8, 2015 through June 11, 2016