

MASTERS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- » The University of Michigan School of Social Work's Masters International Volunteer Program offers MSW students interested in international service the opportunity to incorporate 27 months of Peace Corps service into their MSW program.
- » After receiving acceptance to the MSW program, students apply to the Peace Corps. Masters International Volunteer Program Students are not guaranteed acceptance into Peace Corps.
- » Accepted students earn an MSW degree from U-M in four years including 27 months of significant international professional experience in a country overseas.

PROGRAM FUNDING

UPON COMPLETION OF PEACE CORPS

Nonresident Student:

- » \$10,000 total award (Advanced Standing/45 credit hour program students)
- » \$20,000 total award (60 credit hour program students)

Resident Student:

- » \$5,000 total award (Advanced Standing/45 credit hour program students)
- » \$10,000 total award (60 credit hour program students)



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LAUREN BIRKS

PRACTICE METHOD CONCENTRATION
INTERPERSONAL PRACTICE

PRACTICE AREA
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FAMILIES
AND SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
IN COSTA RICA

In 2014, Lauren Birks had completed the first year of her MSW program. She moved to Costa Rica and served as a youth development volunteer with the Peace Corps, where her projects were centered on art, recreation and life skills to positively influence self esteem in youth. Now that Lauren has completed her two-year Peace Corps commitment, she continues to hone her skills working with children in her field placement as she completes her MSW.

Through the School of Social Work's MSW program, Lauren took a global social work class. "The University of Michigan has great classes to help us prepare for the Peace Corps," Lauren said, "and my classmates and I will be lifelong friends."

"As an out-of state student, the scholarship offered by the School helped everything fall into place and made it so much easier to say yes to the University of Michigan."

“ I agree with the Peace Corps’ unofficial motto: the hardest job you’ll ever love. I’m really going to miss it. ”