



## **CSUN Partners with Peace Corps in Launching Program for Students Interested in Serving Overseas while Working on Master's Degrees**

Universities, with their rich and diverse course offerings, have long been the place where students can explore who they are and what they want to do with their lives—teach, practice law, conduct scientific research.

Cal State Northridge will soon be offering another arena to test the ambitions of its students. The university is partnering with the Peace Corps to offer a unique program that allows graduate students to continue their studies while performing community service around the world.

The CSUN Peace Corps Master's International Program will combine Peace Corps service with a master's degree program for students studying [mathematics](#) or [secondary education](#). Participants in the program are expected to teach or be involved in education while abroad.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, but it's also going to be an eye-opening experience for those who participate," said mathematics professor Carol Shubin, coordinator of the program. "The students are going to have to navigate obstacles they will have never seen before. The experience will test everything they have learned in the classroom as well as their perceptions of what they want to do and can do with their lives."

Program. Applicants will be required to submit a letter of recommendation addressing the student's maturity and the likelihood that he or she will complete the program. If they are accepted into the program, the students' room and board, airfare, medical and dental insurance, and other expenses will be covered by the Peace Corps. When their time of service is completed, they also will receive a \$6,000 stipend.

The program will officially begin recruiting students next spring. A website, [http://www.csun.edu/~vcnth014/peacecorps/PCMI\\_10\\_2010.html](http://www.csun.edu/~vcnth014/peacecorps/PCMI_10_2010.html), has already been set up.