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USF INTRODUCES GRADUATE PROGRAMS WITH PEACE CORPS

The University of South Florida has just announced a partnership with the Peace Corps' Master's International (MI) program, which will allow students to earn a master's degree while gaining valuable international experience as a Peace Corps volunteer. With programs in Special Education, Global Health, and Business, the University of South Florida is one of only four universities in the United States to offer three MI programs. The benefits for students who choose the Master's International Program vary for each program.

In the Master of Business Administration MI program, students spend at least three semesters on campus prior to their service in the Peace Corps. Students in the Master of Business Administration MI program may apply for three to six hours of elective credit for their Peace Corps service towards graduation requirements in the Advanced International Business track of the MBA.

Students in the Master's International program in Special Education can enroll in courses while on campus or during their Peace Corps service, utilizing the program's online delivery system. In addition, students can earn three graduate credits for a practicum in pre-approved settings.

In the Master of Global Health MI program, students complete a six-credit Field Experience and a three-credit Special Project to run concurrent with Peace Corps service. The College of Public Health will waive the tuition for these nine credits for students completing Peace Corps service. In addition, there is the potential to concurrently earn a dual MA in Anthropology or one of several Graduate Certificates.

In addition, many of the programs offer financial assistance in the form of assistantships or in-state tuition for Peace Corps service.

On November 3, the University of South Florida will host the Peace Corps Deputy Director, Jody Olsen, and other Peace Corps representatives for a special signing

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ceremony at the Marshall Center on the Tampa Campus at 11:30 a.m. for invited guests only. Immediately following this event, International Affairs will sponsor an information session for anyone interested in obtaining more information about the MI program or service with the Peace Corps. The Information Session will be held at the Marshall Center, room 296, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jody Olsen and other Peace Corps representatives will be available to speak with individuals during this time. This event is free and open to the public.

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