

# START THE PEACE CORPS FELLOWS (PCF) PROGRAM HERE



## 1 Apply to the Program

Submit application materials, visit campus.  
Questions?  
Call PCF at  
309-298-2268.

## 2 Pre-semester Community Development Course

Begin the program either in early January or early August with an interim course designed for PCFs.

## 3 Two or three Semesters of Intensive Coursework

Work 15 hours per week as a graduate assistant for IIRA or your department while taking coursework toward your degree.

## 4 Special Community Development courses

All Fellows take three "core courses" in community development. A Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Community Development is optional.

## 5 Write a Thesis Proposal (selected depts.)

A master's thesis/project is required for the Depts of Geography and Political Science. You are advised to complete your thesis proposal before beginning your internship.

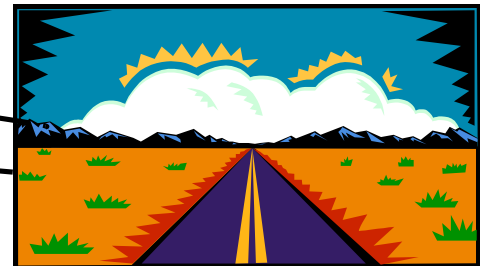
## 6 Serve an 11-month internship

Apply your skills to an internship that is specially selected to meet your professional goals.  
(Typically, if you start the program in January, your internship will start in January of the following year. If you start in August, your internship will typically start in June of the following year.)

## 7 Complete your thesis, other requirements

At the end of your internship (or shortly thereafter), defend your thesis, if required.  
Celebrate your graduation at the PCF end-of-semester party!

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**TIMELINE:** Normally, it is possible to complete the entire program within two years. However, sometimes three semesters of coursework are required depending on prerequisite courses in the degree program. Fellows also have the option of taking a third semester of coursework, with funding provided, if they wish to take more elective courses. Please contact program staff to discuss your situation.