

# Harvard Serves Everywhere

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

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Harvard Serves Everywhere is a pilot program that connects students with virtual volunteer opportunities. If you would like to publicize a virtual volunteer opportunity out to the Harvard community, take two minutes to [list it here](#).

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### Harvard-Based Opportunities

- 1) **Operation CORE** strives to fundraise for Boston Chinatown businesses and support high school students with academics and college preparation. They are specifically looking for undergraduate volunteers to serve as mentors. For more information, contact Katie Gao at [katiegao@college.harvard.edu](mailto:katiegao@college.harvard.edu) or visit <https://www.harvardcsa.org/outreach>.
- 2) Through Harvard's **Advanced Leadership Initiative**, Senior Fellow Arlene Brock is working on researching stories of resilience and overcoming adversity through the lens of the Black experience. Any students who are interested in providing research for this project can contact Arlene at [arlene\\_brock@harvard.edu](mailto:arlene_brock@harvard.edu).
- 3) **Harvard College Fund** fosters a philanthropic community in support of the vital and enduring teaching, learning, and research mission of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Harvard College Fund is seeking student perspectives to drive programming and communication efforts. For more information, contact Molly Stansik at [molly\\_stansik@harvard.edu](mailto:molly_stansik@harvard.edu) or visit <https://alumni.harvard.edu/college/college-giving/harvard-college-fund/student-philanthropy>.
- 4) Harvard has formed a **Coronavirus Visualization Team** that is working to show objective statistics from reliable sources on what has been and what will be most impacted, provide help to organizations fighting on the frontlines, and develop data-driven policy proposals. For more information, contact Lucas Chu at [lucaschu@college.harvard.edu](mailto:lucaschu@college.harvard.edu) or visit <https://scholar.harvard.edu/cvt/about>.
- 5) The **Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic** is doing some comprehensive tracking of federal, state, and local policies related to the food system during the COVID-19 pandemic and could use some student volunteers to help with the tracking and potentially with some analysis and write up of results. If interested, please contact Erika Dunyak at [edunyak@law.harvard.edu](mailto:edunyak@law.harvard.edu).

- 6) The **Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute** is engaging in COVID-19 research to examine the impact on small chocolate businesses and chocolate producing organizations around the world. They are seeking volunteers to provide writing, design, research, translation, and technical support for their efforts. For more information, contact Carla Martin at [carla@chocolateinstitute.org](mailto:carla@chocolateinstitute.org) or visit: <https://chocolateinstitute.org/covid-19>.

## **Arts and Education**

- 1) **Wave Learning Festival** is a student-run educational platform that aims to teach students through seminars on a variety of topics. They strive to provide equitable educational resources while alleviating some of the new pressures that have fallen on working parents during the pandemic. At the moment, they are looking for seminar leaders to submit course ideas. They also are seeking volunteers who want to help with marketing or tech development. For more information, visit <http://www.wavelf.org>.
- 2) **UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency**, is organizing a Youth with Refugees Art Contest to raise awareness of COVID-19 prevention within the community of over 70 million people globally who have fled their homes due to conflict or persecution. Anyone 25 years old or younger can submit a drawing to send the message that #everyonecounts in the fight against the virus. The best creations will be animated and shared with UNHCR's 8 million followers. For more information, visit <https://www.unhcr.org/youth-with-refugees-art-contest.html>.
- 3) **CovEd** is a community of undergraduates, postgraduates, students, and educators from colleges/universities across the U.S. who serve as mentors for K-12 students in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit <https://www.coved.org/>.
- 4) **EduMate NYC** is a group of college students seeking to support New York City public school students in this time of need by connecting them with free, virtual tutoring. They focus on helping students from low-income, underrepresented, and vulnerable communities. For more information, visit <https://students.edumatenyc.org>.

## **Public Health**

- 1) **The COVID Foundation** is working to marshal the world's resources and the planet's talents to solve the COVID-19 crisis. Their primary focus right now is delivering personal protective equipment (PPE) to critically impacted hospitals in New York City and across the U.S. In the past month, The COVID Foundation has been able to donate 40,000+ masks and 25,000+ respirators, and they are looking for volunteers to generate critical momentum through social media. For

more information, contact Risham Dhillon at [risdhillon@gmail.com](mailto:risdhillon@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.covid.cm>.

- 2) **American Red Cross** is seeking blood donations as supplies are critically low across the country. Find your blood drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

### **Immigrant, Refugee, and Human Rights Advocacy**

- 1) **Amnesty International** is creating a global network of digital volunteers to help with researching human rights violations. For more information about specific projects and volunteer registration, visit <https://decoders.amnesty.org>.
- 2) **Translators Without Borders** is seeking virtual volunteers to help provide translation services. Whether students are interested in translating medical texts or translating for crisis response, there are engaging projects for a number of needs. For more information, visit <https://translatorswithoutborders.org/volunteer/>.
- 3) **U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants** is seeking volunteers to tutor English and provide professional development training--both to be conducted online. Volunteers can choose to do either or both. For online English tutoring, this is a pilot project that is tentatively starting with online Volunteer Orientation and Training on Monday, May 11. Following it, you will be matched with a pre-literate or literate student or small group to facilitate lesson plans written by our ELL instructor. The medium of instruction to be used is WhatsApp, an online communication platform. The minimum time commitment is 1.5 hours/week, or 3 sessions/week at 30 minutes/session. For online professional development training, the volunteer presenter will assist newly resettled refugees on their job seeking. To name a few activities, they will be given presentations (on topics such as job interview tips and money management) to follow, assist with resume writing or completing job applications, and conduct mock interviews to shake those nervous jitters away. The medium of instruction is undetermined as of now, but it will be online for the meantime. Interpretation services are also available to ensure understanding. There is a flexible time commitment for this opportunity. Please contact [volunteer@uscri-desmoines.org](mailto:volunteer@uscri-desmoines.org) for more information.
- 4) **International Rescue Committee** is seeking virtual volunteers to support their Digital Access Project and their Refugee Empowerment Volunteer program. For more information, visit <https://www.rescue.org/volunteer/remote-volunteer-opportunities>.

- 5) **AsylumConnect** is seeking a web developer to help build out a tech resource platform designed for those fleeing persecution due to sexual orientation or gender identity. They are seeking volunteers who are able to devote 5-10 hours per week toward this project. For more information, visit <https://asylumconnect.org/position/web-developer-apply/>.
- 6) **Wazo Pevu Organization**, a NGO in Tanzania, is looking for technical support in support of fundraising, grant writing, IT support, office administration, and organizational development. For more information, contact Johnson Dickson at [j.dickson@wazopevu.org](mailto:j.dickson@wazopevu.org).

### **Environmental Advocacy**

- 1) The **Center for Houston's Future** is working on city-wide projects focused on climate change, health care, and immigration. They are currently looking for two students to work on summer projects related to climate change and health care. For more information, contact Brett Perlman at [brett@brettperlman.com](mailto:brett@brettperlman.com).
- 2) **350.org** supports climate advocacy movements around the world. They work to connect volunteers with local movements. For more information, visit <https://350.org/get-involved/>.
- 3) **Sierra Club** is seeking virtual volunteers for a number of communications-focused environmental advocacy projects across the U.S. For more information, visit <https://clubvolunteer.org/volunteer>.

### **Supply Drives**

- 1) **Feeding America** is organizing volunteers to help with food collection and meal delivery. To find ways to support your local food bank, visit <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/volunteer>.
- 2) **Meals on Wheels** continues to deliver meals to vulnerable people and they are looking for on-call volunteers. Volunteer shifts typically take about an hour between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, visit: <https://meals-on-wheels.com/how-you-can-help-sign-up-to-be-an-on-call-volunteer-driver/>.

## **Crisis Response**

- 1) **Crisis Text Line** is seeking volunteers to respond to crisis situations across the United States. For more information, visit <https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/>.
- 2) **RAINN** is seeking volunteers to support the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline. This hotline provides live, secure, anonymous crisis support to the growing number of people who prefer communicating online through a simple instant message format, giving those affected by sexual assault a safe place to receive support. For more information, visit <https://rainn.org/volunteer>.

## **Technical and Archival Support**

- 1) **United Nations Volunteers** offers a variety of ways for volunteers to use writing, design, research, and technical skills to support organizations around the world. For more information, visit <https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/opportunities>.
- 2) **The Smithsonian** seeks digital volunteers to assist in transcribing historical documents to make them more accessible to the general public. Join 20,633 "volunpeers" to add more to the total 561,436 pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums, manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels that have been collaboratively transcribed and reviewed since June 2013. For more information, visit <https://transcription.si.edu/browse?filter=all&sort=notdone>.
- 3) The **Library of Congress** is looking for virtual volunteers to transcribe, review, tag, and catalog their vast library of documents. For more information, visit <https://crowd.loc.gov>.

## **Voter Engagement**

- 1) Join the **Harvard Votes Challenge** team and promote voting on campus and in your home community. If you want to schedule a training, contact Akhila Yalvigi at [ayalvigi@college.harvard.edu](mailto:ayalvigi@college.harvard.edu).
- 2) **Turnout Nation** is seeking volunteers to increase voter turnout. They are seeking virtual organizers, data analysts, and volunteers with computer science backgrounds. For more information, visit <https://www.turnoutnation.org/volunteer-with-us>.

## **Mutual Aid Networks**

Find your local mutual aid network through **Mutual Aid Hub** to meet an immediate need in your home community. For more information, visit <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>.