

## The Peace Corps Community in Louisiana

Louisiana Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years				
LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS	1,234	2020: <b>50</b>	2017: <b>38</b>	
SINCE 1961		2019: <b>45</b>	2016: <b>39</b>	
2023 LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS	8	2018: <b>40</b>	1966: <b>56</b>	

## 5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Louisiana

The Peace Corps has three educational partnerships. Graduate programs at Tulane University and Xavier University are participants in Peace Corps' Coverdell Fellows program. Meanwhile, Tulane and Louisiana State University have Peace Corps Prep programs, through which students can select areas of study intended to make them more competitive applicants for Peace Corps service.

Among medium colleges and universities, Tulane University ranked 5th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Tulane also ranked 2nd among graduate schools in sending volunteers overseas.

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Louisiana Peace Corps Association (LPCA).

Mozambique Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Hoang Thai Tao's work in the fields of climate justice and mitigation includes five years as a Lead Researcher at the University of New Orleans' Center for Hazards, Assessment, Response and Technology.

In September 2023, RPCV and Louisiana Tech graduate Shane Hough was named as Tulane University's new diplomat in residence. While serving with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, Hough became aware of the foreign service. He spent 17 years in the foreign service, working in five countries in Central and South America.

<sup>\*</sup>Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.