



JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM INTERVIEW AND PLACEMENT PROCESS TIMELINE 2016

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps international program interview and placement process is one of mutual discernment and reflection. Applicants have opportunity to learn more about JVC, the four values, and the value of committing to a two-year overseas mission with JVC. Throughout the process applicants will engage in conversation with JVC staff and will be asked to consider their commitment to the program. JVC staff will challenge applicants to fully consider the four values and to remain apostolically available, open to serving where needed.

The following details the timeline for the interviewing and placement process for the international program only.

Applicants to the international program have the opportunity to transfer their application to the domestic program interview and screening process at any point.

The final commitment is made when applicants sign and submit their covenants to JVC. All partner worksites and JV communities rely on incoming JVs to consider this commitment very seriously. Should circumstances change in an incoming JV's ability to serve, we ask them to consider the impact this decision will have on the agency and community to which s/he committed to serve.

January 27: Complete application due in JVC office.

Materials must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 27 or uploaded to the online application system by 11:59 p.m. on January 27 in order to meet the deadline.

Early to Mid-February: Applicants interview by Skype with JVC staff or a Former Jesuit Volunteer trained in the interview and screening process.

Late February: All applicants are notified of status with the international process. If an applicant is invited to continue, s/he will be invited to a second interview and to attend one of four Discernment Weekends in March. Applicants may instead be offered the opportunity to transfer to the domestic process.

Various weekends March/early April: All applicants who accept the invitation to continue with the process are asked to attend a Discernment Weekend, taking place in Washington DC, Chicago, or Santa Clara, California.

March 11-13	Washington, DC
March 18-20	Chicago, IL
April 1-3	Washington, DC <u>and</u> Santa Clara, CA

Discernment Weekend is a unique time for invited applicants and JVC staff to get to know one another and provide a forum for discussion regarding the international program. JVC staff and

applicants honestly and prayerfully explore together if this is the right time in one's life for such a commitment and if JVC is the type of program that best fits one's call to service overseas. Many applicants consider Discernment Weekend one of the most beneficial parts of their own discernment process. Applicants are financially responsible for their travel to/from Discernment Weekend (scholarships available).

Before or during Discernment Weekend there is a second interview with JVC staff. At Discernment Weekend, applicants have the opportunity to share any strong geographic or ministry preferences that have emerged from their discernment process. JVC both encourages international program applicants to practice apostolic availability, a willingness to serve where needed, and also recognizes that God communicates through the desires planted in our hearts.

April: Applicants are notified of decisions and placement offers are made on a rolling basis, with all International Program decisions communicated by the last full week of the month. An offer is made to a particular worksite in a particular JVC community, and applicants generally have about 48 hours to accept or decline this invitation. Alternatively, applicants may be invited to transfer their application to the domestic program process.

July: Summer Orientation is a mandatory commitment for all JVs, who are financially responsible for their travel to Orientation (scholarships are available). International Orientation is for about two weeks in July on the East Coast.

July 2016-July 2018: The commitment "in the field" for JVs serving in Belize and Micronesia.

November 2016-December 2018: The commitment "in the field" for JVs serving in Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Tanzania.

Questions? Additional resources for applicants to use in their discernment and answers to frequently asked questions can be found on JVC's website at: jesuitvolunteers.org/interviewing.

The JVC staff is here to support all applicants through their discernment process. Contact the JVC recruiting team at 410-244-1733 or recruiting@jesuitvolunteers.org with any questions or comments.