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Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program in Applied Anthropology College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Florida

<http://anthropology.usf.edu/graduate/coverdell>

Key Points – General

- a program that offers financial assistance to Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
- students choose from over 150 programs at more than 90 university partners across the country; at USF, we have programs in Applied Anthropology, Environmental Engineering, Public Health, and Global Sustainability
- all fellows complete internships in underserved American communities as part of their graduate program
- students that enroll at one of these programs at USF after their PC service have one-year noncompetitive eligibility status for federal jobs that may be extended up to 3 years from your close of service date
- since the inception of the Fellows program, more than 5,000 PC Volunteers have participated in the program nationwide

Key Points – Applied Anthropology @ USF

- first Coverdell Fellows program in applied anthropology in the U.S.
- emphasizes: 1) how to design and implement health education programs with community participation focused especially around HIV/AIDS, maternal/child health, water/sanitation/hygiene, and nutrition/obesity; 2) how to make use of local environmental knowledge to address ecological problems, climate change, and sustainable and equitable development; and 3) how to work with families and communities to assess food security, perceptions of risk in environmental impacts, and resource conservation strategies
- 40 credit hours for the M.A. program and 46 credit hours for the Ph.D. program
- students complete the M.A. program in two years and the Ph.D. program in four years
- Fellows can choose one of two course tracks—cultural or medical
- Fellows receive two years of Graduate Assistant support, which includes a stipend (total: \$10,540 at the M.A. level and \$34,000 at the Ph.D. level), tuition waiver, and comprehensive health insurance, among other benefits
- job prospects after completing the program include education, community development, social services, human rights, social justice, international affairs, public policy and advocacy, public and community health, environmental resources, humanitarian efforts, and social impact assessment, among others