



Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic AmeriCorps VISTA 2022-2023 UMD Campus Pantry Call for Applications

At UMD, 20% of students are food insecure and lack reliable access to nutritious food (with another 21% at-risk). An estimated 8,000 UMD students not only experience hunger but also related and significant vulnerabilities and barriers to their health and wellbeing. The Campus Food System Education Project will bring together the University of Maryland (UMD) Campus Pantry, UMD Campus Food Gardens, Terp Farm, and Coalition for Terps Essential Needs to further UMD's efforts to become a Hunger-Free UMD and enhance campus and community food literacy. This position will build capacity to fundamentally transform our ability to address essential needs of thousands of vulnerable students in order to build a sustainable, healthy, and academically successful UMD community.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Identify and work with the student-initiated Campus Food Garden Collective and supporting departments to develop infrastructure for the volunteer and intern programs, student training initiative, and coordinated produce donation programs
- Launch an integrated teaching calendar leveraging the expertise of the Coalition for Terps Essential Needs and other partner organizations to offer extracurricular and hands-on learning opportunities regarding food, gardening, and cooking utilizing the Campus Food Gardens and the Campus Pantry Teaching Kitchen.
- Develop an assessment tool to be used to track and evaluate the educational programs offered
- Identify the key collaborators of the Campus Food System Education Project within and beyond UMD and create a repository of information from past projects and programs.
- Work to secure long-term resources for the Campus Pantry and Campus Food Gardens
- Empower students, specifically low-income adult students, to take a lead role in project efforts
- Meet with and gather feedback from stakeholders on campus and in the community
- Assess the project as it happens and be able to make adaptations and corrections as needed
- Participate as an active member of the UMD Campus Pantry team



This is a 12-month Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic (CCMA) AmeriCorps VISTA position that begins in July 2022. The monthly stipend for this VISTA position is approximately \$1,582. Upon completing the 12-months of service, the person in this position can choose to receive either an education award worth \$5,500 to pay for further education, or \$1,500 cash. This position reports directly to the Assistant Director of New Initiatives for Dining Services at the University of Maryland.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree and a valid driver's license (with a maximum of six points). Qualified candidates will also have good people skills and be able to communicate well both verbally and in writing. Qualified candidates must be self-starters with strong analytical skills and attention to detail. Familiarity with vegetable gardening, food service, food safety, nutrition, emergency food, and social justice issues is important. A commitment to inclusion and experience working with diverse populations, including people of color, women, and LGBTQIA individuals is essential. Preferred qualifications would include experience working with sustainable agriculture, culinary workshops, project management, marketing, nonprofit agencies, and/or technology.

To apply:

1. Submit the application to AmeriCorps:
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=109964>
2. Send resume, cover letter, and names and telephone numbers of three references to:
campuspantry@umd.edu

Please see the UMD Campus Pantry website for more information about the program: <http://campuspantry.umd.edu/> and direct questions to the UMD Campus Pantry at campuspantry@umd.edu or 301-314-8054.

For Best Consideration, submit application materials by April 17, 2022.

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