

Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs)

The Josef Korbel School's Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program allows you to interact with world renowned faculty in one of the nation's top graduate schools for the study of international relations while you develop the skills necessary to advance your career. Our program expands on your Peace Corps service by providing a theoretical base to your field work. In addition to academic coursework, you will find opportunities to:

- Work closely with our research institutes and clinics
- Complete an internship
- Develop your networking and career building skills
- Participate in Career Connections a week long networking event with key employers and alumni located in New York City and Washington, D.C.
- Attend special events with key actors in the international relations community
- Join one of our many student groups with focuses ranging from international security to mountain climbing

Benefit to Peace Corps Fellows	Time Commitment and Format	Start Dates	GRE	Practicum	Credits	Foreign Language Proficiency
Minimum of \$5,000 scholarship per year	2 years full-time	September or January	Required	Required	90	Waived

Degrees: Peace Corps Fellows are invited to enroll in the following MA degree programs:

1. [Global Finance, Trade and Economic Integration](#)
2. [International Administration](#)
3. [International Development](#)
4. [International Human Rights](#)
5. [International Security](#)
6. [International Studies](#)
7. [Conflict Resolution](#)

Practicum: In ongoing support of the Peace Corps third goal, "to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans," all Paul D. Coverdell Fellows have to complete 75 hours of field practicum (paid or unpaid) to help meet the needs of underserved U.S. communities. The practicum is a valuable professional development opportunity that complements your academic career. The [Office of Career and Professional Development](#) is available to assist in providing tools and resources for you to identify and select a site for the practicum upon matriculation.

Graduate Peace Corps Community Student Group: The Josef Korbel School has the largest Paul D. Coverdell Fellows population among graduate programs. This makes our Peace Corps Community Student Group one of the largest of its kind. Get together with other RPCVs to discuss the benefits of Peace Corps service and how it applies to your education in international studies.

What current RPCV students say about the Fellows Program:

"Peace Corps is the foundation for my graduate school experience. It has not only given me a rich understanding of the challenges and rewards of working in the development field, but has also highlighted essential skills and expertise that I need to gain order to stand out to employers upon graduation."

-Piper Frode, MA International Administration Candidate, 2014

Graduate Admissions Requirements

- Application
- Application fee (\$65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar's Office across the envelope's seal.
- Official GRE test scores (the University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
 - What is your career goal upon completing your graduate degree and what are your longer-term career goals?
 - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
 - What skills and previous experiences have helped position you to reach your career goals and how will the Josef Korbel School help you achieve these goals?
- Resume
- Peace Corps Description of Service

Class Profile

- Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):
 - Verbal: 157
 - Quantitative: 151
- Average GPA: 3.41
- Average Age: 26 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 55%
- Males: 45%
- Non-US Students: 10.6%
- Citizenships represented: 27
- Each year, about 200 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School

Additional Information can be found at www.du.edu/korbel.

Please **contact** the Office of Graduate Admissions by calling 303.871.2544 or emailing korbeladm@du.edu for more information.

*Please visit the Korbel Handbook on Portfolio (<https://portfolio.du.edu/issta>) to view up-to-date degree requirements.