



The international Service Corp (ISC) is an exciting program initiative of YMCA Alumni. It is a service opportunity that provides short and mid-term volunteer placement for YMCA Alumni members in YMCAs in other countries.

The scope and the length of each assignment varies based on the needs and the specific request of the overseas host YMCA. There is no minimum length of placement, but the maximum should not exceed one year.

With a large talent pool of former YMCA professionals ready to serve, typical assignments include YMCA administration, board and program development, fundraising, staff training, and teaching English as a second language to list a few.

YMCA Alumni, most recently, have served as basketball instructors in Siberia, and English teachers in the Dominican Republic. Some of our members will be volunteers for the Peru YMCA, working with teen clubs via Zoom video.

A special International Service Corp Fund was established in 1952 that secured funds from individual donations, YMCA World Service, foundations, and YMCA Alumni chapters to defray costs of overseas placements of volunteers.

Costs are shared by ISC, the host YMCA, and the volunteer. ISC will typically cover the cost of round-trip travel, visa, and immunizations. The host YMCA will provide housing, local transportation, a number of meals,



and in some cases, a weekly stipend. The volunteer will typically pay for food, personal expenses, health insurance and entertainment.

there is an application available for individuals and host YMCAs If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a volunteer overseas for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about their community and their country in ways you wouldn't have known already and certainly not as a tourist.

Want more information or an application? Simply return to the website and click on the appropriate buttons

*(Photos: Top: Glenn Mease of Weatherford Chapter teaching English to youngsters in China. Bottom: Patrick Murphy of Schreiner Chapter organizing new basketball leagues for S.M.I.L.E YMCA in Novosibirsk, Siberia.)*