



FAQ - UNIVERSAL STREAM: REMOTE VOLUNTEERING

What are the requirements to be a remote volunteer?

In order to be eligible for remote volunteering under the Volunteer Cooperation Program and bilateral projects, volunteers must be either Canadian citizens or permanent residents, with a current permanent address in Canada.

In addition, you must meet the requirements and have access to a computer and an Internet connection.

How much time do I need to contribute as a remote volunteer?

The time commitment may vary depending on your availability and the nature of the assignment.

Volunteers who are available between 5 and 10 hours per week will be able to complete their assignment over several weeks but will not be eligible to receive a nominal payment.

To receive a nominal payment, you will need to be available at least 21 hours per week, up to a maximum of 35 hours per week.

As a remote volunteer, will I be compensated?

Remote volunteers who contribute a minimum of 21 hours per week will receive a nominal payment of \$35 CAD for every 7 hours worked, up to a maximum of \$700 CAD per month if the volunteer is working full time (35 hours per week). This nominal payment is taxable income in Canada. Volunteers will receive a T4A slip and a RL-1 slip at the end of the year.

Remote volunteers who contribute a few weekly hours, less than 21 hours per week, will not receive a nominal payment.

Remote volunteers may wish to work more than 21 hours/week and decline to receive the nominal taxable payment.

Volunteers will have to complete a time sheet on a weekly basis and send it to the person in charge of their file at CECI Montreal.

How do I apply?

You must apply online for the assignment that matches your skills and interests.

If you are preselected, we will contact you for an interview and ask you to provide two professional references.

If you are interested in more than one mandate, you must apply for each one.

What is the start date?

Start dates for remote volunteers are flexible. However, we might give priority to volunteers who are available to start as soon as possible in order to meet the needs expressed by our partner organizations.

Is there a pre-assignment training for remote volunteers?

Yes. Pre-assignment training is mandatory for volunteers and takes place via video conference and/or through our online training system.

The training will help volunteers deepen their understanding of CECI and develop the skills and knowledge required to work effectively towards the achievement of the expected results. Volunteers are also expected to be available for training opportunities that CECI may provide during their mandate (new training modules, webinars, etc.).

Will I be able to pursue my assignment in CECI's country of implementation when international deployment becomes possible again?

As CECI's highest priority is the health and safety of its volunteers, new international deployment of volunteers will not resume until the situation is deemed safe. While we cannot guarantee that priority will be given to volunteers who are doing remote assignments, this option will be considered.