



**JAPAN INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AGENCY**

Volunteer Program



**Not your
Ordinary Volunteer**

JICA JAMAICA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The government of Japan established a volunteer program dubbed The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) in 1965. The program supports Japanese citizens who want to contribute to the social development of over 80 countries worldwide.

The first batch of volunteers arrived in Jamaica in 1989. Together with counterparts from the organization to which they are dispatched in Jamaica, the volunteers contribute to Jamaica by sharing skills, ideas and experience that will promote international goodwill, mutual understanding, capacity building and self-development as they broaden their international perspectives.

BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- Bureau of Gender Affairs
- Caribbean Maritime University
- Community Based Rehabilitation Jamaica
- Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts
- HEART Trust NTA
- Institute of Jamaica
- Jamaica 4-H Clubs
- Jamaica Business Development Corporation
- Jamaica Paralympic Association
- Jamaica Productivity Centre
- Jamaican Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID)
- Ministry of Education
- Municipal Parish Corporations
- National Water Commission
- National Works Agency
- Parish Development Committees
- Rural Agricultural Development Agency
- Salvation Army School for the Blind
- St. Joseph's Teachers' College
- The University of the West Indies, Mona
- Tourism Product Development Company Limited

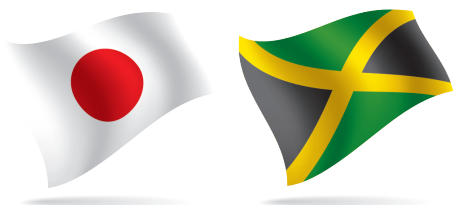


AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Business Administration
- Civil & Marine Engineering
- Community Development
- Curation
- Disaster Risk Management
- Handy Crafts
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Forestry and Fisheries
- Health and Welfare
- Home Economics
- IT Technology
- Maintenance & Operations
- Music
- Public Administration
- Quality Management and Productivity Improvement
- Sports
- Youth Activities

JICA VOLUNTEERS

Recruitment targets Japanese nationals between the ages of 20 and 69 who have a strong desire to participate in cooperative activities in developing countries utilizing their specialized knowledge, passion and experience in areas of cooperation spanning diverse sectors.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS

The regular volunteer dispatch period is two (2) years.

Short-Term Volunteers can be recruited and dispatched for less than one year in response to local requests.



HOW TO APPLY FOR THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

01



Seek dialogue with JICA (Jamaica). Receive then submit volunteer request form.

Deadline is the end of April & October of each year.

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Ensure that the request is endorsed by the head of your organization. E.g. CEO. In cases of the government, it is best to have it approved by a permanent secretary within the associated ministry.

Kindly give consideration to providing the volunteer with accomodation, transportation, etc., if possible

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Send application form to the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)

Attention: Director General,
16 Oxford Road, Kingston 5
and email a copy to JICA
Jamaica:
jm_oso_rep@jica.go.jp

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WHAT HAPPENS
AFTER YOU
SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION?

Selection of candidates by JICA's Technical Advisors in Japan.

Volunteers receive training for about 2 months which entails familiarization about the International Development; Security Management and English Language Development.

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Announcement of successful candidate for Jamaican host organization.

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Prior to arrival, host organization is sent the CV of the volunteer and a request for a letter of acceptance of the volunteer.

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DISPATCH
OF
VOLUNTEERS



- Orientation in Kingston by JICA (Jamaica)
- Courtesy calls & finalization of accomodation
- Volunteer begins working at host organization



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