

# The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program at the University of New Orleans



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## About the Coverdell Fellows Program

Founded in 1985 at Teachers College, Columbia University (and formerly known as Fellows/USA), the Coverdell Fellows Program is now a network of partnerships between the Peace Corps and more than 90 universities across the country. Competitively selected Coverdell Fellows undertake service internships in high-need American communities and receive financial aid while working toward their graduate degrees. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers may apply to enroll in a Coverdell Fellowship at participating universities at any time after successfully completing Peace Corps service.

## Coverdell Fellows at the University of New Orleans

The University of New Orleans Coverdell Fellows partnership was founded in 1999.

Coverdell Fellows at the University of New Orleans have the opportunity to earn degrees in Urban Studies (MS or PhD) and Urban and Regional Planning (MURP).

Our Coverdell Fellows also undertake internships with research centers, nonprofit agencies and local units of government actively involved in planning and community development projects. Recent Coverdell Fellows have worked with the following organizations and agencies: The Center for Hazards Assessment, Response and Technology, GCR Inc., The Regional Planning Commission, The UNO Transportation Institute and The Urban Conservancy/Stay Local!

## Requirements

To be accepted to the University of New Orleans Coverdell Fellows program, interested students must apply to the degree program of their choice in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies: <http://www.uno.edu/cola/Departments/PLUS/apply.aspx>. Applicants should indicate on the university application that they are a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer interested in tuition awards, graduate assistantships and fellowships.

## Financial Support

Financial support is awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants who wish to be considered for the Coverdell Fellows program should apply by February 15<sup>th</sup> for the fall semester. Coverdell Fellows at the

University of New Orleans are eligible to receive graduate scholarships that cover tuition and/or be appointed as graduate assistants and receive paid tuition plus a stipend in exchange for 20 hours of work per week with one of UNO's research centers, nonprofit agencies or local units of government actively involved in planning and community development projects.

### **Program Contacts**

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