

A GVI service-learning program gives students access to skill development and practical experience while engaging with a rigorous curriculum. Geared towards developing capacities in teamwork, leadership, and intercultural competency, our programs are guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We offer students hands-on experience by field experts to complement the theoretical framework learned in the classroom. GVI can deliver a 3-credit service-learning course for your students or work with your faculty to provide academic resources to complement their existing courses.

GVI additionally provides undergraduate and graduate-level internships at each location.



WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GVI's women's empowerment projects provide students with the opportunity to engage in a range of gender equality training, and education initiatives with partner organizations.

Our projects seek to bridge social and gender divides that exist in communities due to a previous lack of access to education and training, and are suited for students interested in a career in leadership, gender equality, community-building, or nonprofit administration/management.

Example projects that are well suited for students interested in women's empowerment projects include:

- Engaging in women's leadership, education, and empowerment workshops in South Africa;
- Training local community members on reproductive health, sanitation, and hygiene in Nepal;
- Providing one-on-one tutoring sessions tailored to sports or arts activities in India;
- Developing and implementing literacy workshops, English teaching, or basic infrastructure projects in Laos.

“*The GVI project in Fort Kochi is all about creating sustainable change. There is a sophistication and depth to the project looking to empower local women, educate the underprivileged from the slums and brighten up the lives of those living in the relief settlement. My time with GVI was the experience of a lifetime.*

Kylie Butler, GVI India

OUR IMPACT

Each GVI project is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and has short, medium, and long-term milestones that focus on achieving benchmarks tailored to specific SDGs. We measure our progress through impact and achievement reports which are shared with all stakeholders. An experience with GVI is one that transforms students by providing them with the skills to affect positive change and the knowledge that inspires a lifetime of deep global engagement.

HEALTH & SAFETY

With more than 28,000 alumni and a field staff of over 150 permanent employees, our expert team puts health and safety first.

- We run comprehensive risk assessments for each of our project sites;
- Each group or individual will be briefed on our risk assessments and emergency action plans during orientation;
- Our staff live alongside members of the local community year-round in every location in which we operate;
- We know the areas intimately, and have dedicated, experienced professionals available to students and faculty 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

GVI works with colleges and universities across the United States and around the world, and has received students from renowned institutions such as:

- Duke University
- Stanford University
- Oxford University
- University of Melbourne
- Ohio State University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Oregon
- Chapman University
- School for International Training (SIT)

