



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.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GVI's social enterprise projects enable students to engage in a range of initiatives with partner organizations that incorporate microfinance and income-generation.

Our projects seek to bridge economic and social divides that exist in these communities due to a lack of access to training or resources, and are suited for business majors or individuals who are interested in a career in business administration or nonprofit management.

Example projects especially suited to students with an interest in social enterprise include:

- Contributing to women's income-generation and life-skills training co-ops in Fiji or South Africa;
- Participating in capacity-building workshops related to eco-tourism and language-learning in Mexico;
- English lesson and environmental sustainability training for local fishermen in Mexico.

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Reflecting on my time with GVI, not only did the experience help me to discover and transfer my strengths and abilities into the working environment that I am now in, but also opened my eyes in that a career in Development is a journey and path I wish to take.

Sami Dawes, GVI Mexico

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)

