

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.



## AGRICULTURE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GVI partners with several communities that work to promote sustainable agriculture and farming for the health and well-being of local citizens.

Students interested in environmental studies professions will join GVI staff and partners to discuss critical issues in environmental care and maintenance, and will contribute to projects that work towards sustainable solutions.

**Example projects especially suited for students interested in sustainable agriculture include:**

- Planting and maintaining a vegetable garden that contributes to local community member and participant food consumption;
- Urban farming, micro-farming, and small-scale gardening projects;
- Landscaping a sensory garden along with training and advocacy on agriculture and environmental care;
- Rain water harvesting for irrigation in tandem with environmental sustainability workshops for the local community.

“Without the opportunities and training provided by GVI, I would never have had the practical background and experience needed for my current employment. The program with GVI afforded me the opportunity of gaining valuable practical experience relevant to the environmental management and impact assessment fields.

**Ian Thomson, GVI Costa Rica**



# 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)



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