



Thank you for your interest in volunteering in Vietnam with the Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss (www.childrenwithhearingloss.org).

The Global Foundation For Children With Hearing Loss Vietnam Deaf Education Program is a multi-year collaboration with Thuan An Center for Disabled Children and Ho Chi Minh City University in Vietnam. It features Teacher Training, Mobile Missions, and Hearing Aid Distribution involving over 300 Vietnamese teachers, families, and medical teams from 38 schools for the deaf and two hospitals in Vietnam. The focus of the program is helping young children with hearing loss develop listening and spoken language.

Our one-month Teacher Training workshops are held each summer at Thuan An Center in Vietnam. The Global Foundation's team of professionals leads lecture and practicum covering a comprehensive curriculum they have designed in audiology, speech pathology, early intervention, and auditory-verbal education. The schedule includes a family program to provide parents and caregivers with information about how they can play a role in the language and auditory development of their children with hearing loss. During Mobile Missions, we travel to the participating schools and hospitals during the year to reinforce the summer training. Vietnamese participants work alongside our audiology professionals to conduct hearing tests and fit hearing aids on young children attending the schools in our program.

We invite graduate students in auditory-verbal deaf education, audiology, and speech pathology to apply as volunteers. Fluency in Vietnamese language is a plus, but not required.

Student volunteers play an important role, assisting our professional team in a variety of tasks, such as:

- Helping professionals prepare lecture materials
- Serving as professional assistant and demonstration partner during practicum and breakouts
- Assisting with video tape analysis
- Collecting and coordinating records and data collection
- Engaging with children during the family program
- Assisting with hearing aid testing and hearing evaluations

Student volunteers are responsible for covering all costs associated with their experience, including international airfare, visa, immunizations, food, lodging, and any sightseeing excursions. The average cost of the one-month trip is \$2,000 per person. To apply, please email the following information to Executive Director Paige Stringer at paige@childrenwithhearingloss.org:

- 1) Resume with 3 references (at least 2 of which should be from your academic/clinical training faculty or preceptors).
- 2) One page cover letter explaining what you hope to draw from the volunteer experience both personally and professionally and how you might contribute.
- 3) Completed graduate student volunteer assessment form (attached)

At the time of submission, you must be an enrolled student in good standing in a graduate or professional degree program related to deaf education or speech and hearing sciences. We prefer that deaf education candidates be in their 2nd year of study or higher, and audiology volunteer candidates at 3rd or 4th year level. **Volunteer selections will be made on a rolling basis until all slots are filled.**



Vietnam Deaf Education Program Graduate Student Volunteer Assessment Form

1) Which focus area are you volunteering for?:

Audiology _____

Speech Pathology _____

Early Intervention _____

Auditory-Verbal Education/Therapy _____

2) Which areas interest you in supporting the professional team? (check THREE top choices):

Parent program - small group lecture and practicum _____

Individual family consultations _____

Teacher training lecture and practicum _____

Data collection and management _____

Videotape analysis of teachers _____

Hearing aid testing _____

Hearing evaluations _____

Communications /publicity/outreach _____

Researching grants and fundraising _____

Telepractice _____

3) List relevant course work/training/professional or volunteer experience here:

___ check here if included on resume
