



## Volunteering with Winrock International

Since 1991, Winrock has fielded over 2,400 skilled professionals as volunteers on development programs in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Eurasia, impacting approximately 8.2 million people worldwide.

Experienced professionals donate their time and introduce new information and technology, share firsthand experiences, and exchange ideas. The local organizations, businesses, and individuals that benefit from volunteers incorporate new information into their operations, processes, and planning. This interchange results in increased productivity and sales and new jobs and businesses.

Volunteers benefit as well, bringing home a greater understanding of the conditions under which people around the world live and work. They experience the vast geographical and cultural distances that separate nations while discovering the common threads that connect people and the challenges they share. The connections made between volunteers and those they serve are rewarding on a personal and professional level.

*You, too, can volunteer to make a difference.*

### What is Winrock looking for?

Winrock seeks volunteers with a wide range of experience, including but not limited to:

- **Technical areas:** agribusiness, enterprise development, marketing, international trade, food processing, credit and financing, farming, agricultural sciences, nutrition, livestock development, natural resource management, governance, community development, renewable energy, gender, engineering, and information communications technologies
- **General capacity building:** business planning, organizational development, management, finance

and administration, human resource development, and fundraising

Volunteers should be in good health and be able to spend two to four weeks on an assignment in a developing country.

### Volunteer testimonials

Volunteers find their assignments to be some of the most professionally rewarding and personally fulfilling work they do. Helping people help themselves is a contribution that makes sense.

*"Being a volunteer for Winrock allowed me to reconnect with a lifelong passion of working with limited resource farmers. The experience was deeply gratifying at all levels, and I genuinely believe my contributions were valued and used."*

—Kathleen Colverson

*"I have personally never experienced such an enthusiastic group of students. I would have to say this has been one of the greatest experiences of my life!"*

—Dr. Doug Holland

*"All of the trips have been tremendous learning opportunities. These assignments have been the most professionally and personally rewarding of any work I have ever completed. Our work touches thousands of individuals and families and is most humbling."*

—Dr. David Henzler

*"Successfully completing an overseas assignment provides a professional experience and confidence not obtainable from domestic experience. You feel that you have truly reached the upper ranks of your profession."*

—Steve and Eileene Welker

*"This is, with no doubt, the best assignment I've ever had in all my life."*

—Dr. Poul Hansen



## The volunteer experience

Winrock's volunteer technical assistance programs are driven by the needs of those they serve. In-country representatives work with local organizations and partner to identify challenges that cannot be overcome with the knowledge and skills at hand. Together, they develop scopes of work that define volunteer assignments. Winrock's recruiters use these scopes of work to identify volunteers through an extensive electronic database and volunteer network. Recruiters coordinate all travel and logistical arrangements for the volunteers and help acquaint travelers with the culture of host countries.

Volunteers donate their time and work independently or as part of a team of experts. Most volunteers travel abroad for an assignment that lasts two to four weeks. Program funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and other partners pays for volunteers' travel expenses.

Once volunteers reach their destinations, transportation and interpreting services are arranged by local Winrock staff members who serve as contacts during the assignment. Volunteers then work directly with organizations and businesses to exchange ideas, solve problems, and create lasting solutions. Many volunteers develop long-term relationships with the organizations they serve and return on follow-up assignments to refine solutions and provide further technical assistance.

## How to get more information

Volunteers have made a difference to countless men and women around the world, just by sharing what they know.

*Your skills and experience can change lives.*

For more information, visit [www.winrock.org/volunteer](http://www.winrock.org/volunteer) or email [volunteer@winrock.org](mailto:volunteer@winrock.org).

## About Winrock International

Winrock International is dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged men, women, and youth around the world. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas, methodologies, and technology, Winrock increases long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management, and strengthens civil society. Winrock is implementing its mission through more than 100 projects in 53 countries worldwide and has managed over \$1 billion in programs since 1985.

Through these programs, Winrock provides innovative solutions and employs participatory approaches to address areas such as:

- Agricultural Development and Food Security
- Enterprise Development
- Natural Resource Management and Climate Change
- Women and Youth Empowerment
- Civil Society Strengthening
- Democracy and Governance

Winrock International is a nonprofit organization that works with people in the United States and around the world to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity, and sustain natural resources.