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## Young Volunteer Program 2023

### Application Form

The overall goal of the Young Volunteer Program (YVP) is to improve food security and livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the global south. The program also aims to provide students with opportunities to learn and grow in a cross-cultural setting while contributing to the mission of VWB/VSF.

As part of the VETS (Volunteers Engaged in Gender-Responsive Technical Solutions) program, the Young Volunteer Program provides university students and recent graduates with strongly supported international volunteer placements. These placements contribute toward the VETS program objectives and offer additional support to volunteers through ongoing technical training and guidance from experienced supervisors.

To be eligible for the YVP, applicants must be:

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (must provide COVID-19 vaccination certification)
- 18 - 30 years of age
- Studying and/or recent university graduate (within the last 5 years)
- Specializing in any of the following: Animal health, nutrition, dairy management, food safety, health risk assessment, horticulture, monitoring and evaluation, disease management, veterinary medicine, gender equality, communication, and more (this list will be updated based on identified partner needs)

Please fill out the form below, including eight (8) short answer questions and three (3) references. Your information will not be shared.

<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Phone number</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>College/university</b>		
<b>Year of graduation</b>		
<b>Language competency (none, basic, conversational, fluent) excellent)</b>	<b>English</b>	
	<b>French</b>	
	<b>Spanish</b>	
	<b>Other</b>	



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**1. Why do you want to participate in this program? (350 words max.)**

**2. What would be your ideal project placement? (ie. theme, region, skills development, etc.) (100 words max.)**

**3. Briefly describe any existing skills, training, knowledge, and experience that enable you to work in another culture. (100 words max.)**

**4. If selected for this program, what cultural challenges are you expecting to encounter during your project? What are some strategies you would plan to use to address these cultural challenges? (100 words max.)**



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**5. How do you think animal health professionals from Canada can contribute to international development? (100 words max.)**

**6. Describe a situation where you have worked as part of a team. What would your team have said about your contribution to the group? (100 words max.)**

**7. How do you see international development work fitting into your career? (100 words max.)**

**8. Do you have anything else to add? (50 words max.)**

## References

	Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone
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2.				
3.				

Please send your completed application form and a copy of your resume/cover letter to [volunteer@vetswithoutborders.ca](mailto:volunteer@vetswithoutborders.ca) with “Young Volunteer Program 2023” in the subject line.