

Emory University
Paul D. Coverdell Fellowship Requirements

As a Coverdell Fellow, you are a member of the Emory Scholars in Action Program, which is the Rollins network of merit scholarship recipients. As part of the Coverdell Fellowship, you are asked to give back to the Scholars in Action network, participate in professional development trainings, and volunteer in the greater Atlanta community with local community partners. All of this work is done in collaboration with Scholars in Action, Student Organizations, and RSPH Student Services.

The specific Coverdell Fellowship requirements include:

- **Complete 30 volunteer service hours per semester**, this is a recommended segmentation of volunteer hours/semester. You are not required to volunteer 30 hours/semester, but you are required to serve a total of 120 hours by the end of your 2 years at Rollins. Rollins recommends volunteering with local community partners and these volunteer hours can be completed online or in-person. If you desire to serve with a new community partner, please speak to Shannon Vassell, Assistant Director for Community-Engaged Learning and Cultural Humility, for approval of the new community partner. It is recommended to volunteer with a single organization in order to establish rapport, but it is also acceptable to volunteer with numerous partners.
- **Complete 10 Coverdell Project Hours each year**. Choose from a “menu” of projects to work on! “Project menu items” include: Planning and hosting a student organization event, participating in a Scholars in Action Committee, hosting community-building events with Coverdell Fellows throughout Emory University, participating in the RSPH Community & Diversity Committee, the Recruitment Committee, and more! Please contact Shannon Vassell with questions about Project Hours.
- **Attend 6 Professional Development Sessions each year**. Attend at least 6 professional development sessions offered by Scholars in Action. These professional development sessions will take place during monthly Scholars in Action Meetings and vary on topics teaching hard and soft skills for future professional development. Please contact Joanne Williams with questions about Professional Development Sessions.
- **Participate in the Coverdell Recruitment Process each year**. Collaborate with first- and second year Coverdell Fellows to select the incoming cohort of Coverdell Fellows. You can choose to join the Recruitment Committee, which will count toward your Coverdell Project Hours and organizes the recruitment process. However, this is not required. All Coverdell Fellows will participate in the recruitment process in January. Fellows will be informed once applications are ready for review and will then receive 5-6 de-identified applications to review (depending on the number of applicants). Each Coverdell is tasked with reviewing their applications in a 1-2-week time period. This process gives Returned Peace Corps Volunteers the opportunity to use their understanding, insight, and knowledge of their service and the Peace Corps organization in order to choose the next class of Coverdell Fellows.