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## Kentucky Campus Compact (KyCC) VISTA

**General AmeriCorps Project Information:** KyCC is a statewide coalition of Kentucky colleges and universities, promoting college access, college attainment, and community impact. The KyCC VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program places VISTA members throughout the Commonwealth to combat poverty and build capacity in community organizations, Kentucky colleges and universities, the Appalachian Region and the Kentucky Promise Zone. KyCC achieves its anti-poverty goals through service activities in the following focus areas: Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures.

### VISTA Terms & Benefits:

- AmeriCorps VISTA is open to all U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens age 18 and older
  - Full-time (40 hours/week), one-year commitment
  - Monthly living allowance of \$1028 per month (\$13,400/year) before taxes
  - Upon completion, choose between education award (\$6,195) or cash award (\$1,800)
  - Forbearance/deferment of federal student loans payments
  - Eligible to receive healthcare and childcare allowances
  - Vacation (10) and sick days (10)
  - One year of Priority Eligibility with the Federal Government
  - May be eligible for relocation reimbursement (must be relocating 50 miles or more for service; \$1,500 value)
  - Access to professional development and training opportunities
  - Additional resources: <https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>
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### Service Site Specific Information:

Henderson Settlement Greenhouse Development Coordinator VISTA  
Frakes, KY  
Contact: Casey Smith, [missadv2@hsumc.org](mailto:missadv2@hsumc.org)

**VISTA Position Description:** Henderson Settlement is a community development center that provides poverty alleviation services, educational and social development to community members that experiencing poverty in the Eastern Kentucky region. The Greenhouse initiative helps our center to engage with community members that are in need of fresh produce, plus it also serves as youth learning lab development center. The VISTA member will build the capacity of our greenhouse to become more sustainable by developing a cost-efficient operating plan. Furthermore, the VISTA will collaborate with current staff to enhance our youth development vocational training. These efforts will alleviate food insecurity and empower youth experiencing poverty.

### Responsibilities:

- Develop an effective, sustainable, and accurate calendar of greenhouse operations leading to product harvest and transportation.
- Research and identify an efficient and cost-effective plan to lay out a new irrigation design that can successfully complement the new planting/growing locations
- Develop a greenhouse operational manual that efficiently breaks down the specific steps needed for the movement and marketing of finished/harvested/ripe products during each seasonal harvest.
- In collaboration with staff and greenhouse director, research similar vocational greenhouse programs targeted to youth and select first phase vocational training.
- Create a draft of the enhanced first phase vocational training engagement plan.
- Create a manual for staff that will conduct these vocational classes for the youth.



**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Desire to work with horticulture
- Effective administrative and organization skills
- Proficiency with computer use and common Microsoft Office toolset
- Good communication and written communications skills

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Agricultural degree or greenhouse operating experience
- Professional educator training and experience would be plus

**Additional Benefits:**

- On-campus housing could be a consideration for the appropriately qualified candidates

**Application Process:**

1. Send your resume to [recruiter@kycompact.org](mailto:recruiter@kycompact.org)
2. Required Screening Survey: [https://nku.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eLtk5eRydvDXgUt](https://nku.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eLtk5eRydvDXgUt)
3. Create a My AmeriCorps account and Application:  
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/recruit/registration.do;jsessionid=HNpsQncitdpJL8dtYUcUWqU0HKLWDr28TBFax5sGr51SrpHmuKU!-563516830> .
4. Apply for the Kentucky Campus Compact VISTA position:  
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=86372&fromSearch=true> .

How to submit your application correctly: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19XnetmJ3EQ3S7-rp8Y6k8ilJaPjTOLL2/view>