

## Gap Year Opportunities

### 1. University of Detroit Mercy: Titian Equity Nourish Network (TENN)

<https://www.udmercy.edu/about/mission-vision/lead-serve/tenn.php>

TENN is a program that engages Detroit Mercy students in food justice and sustainability initiatives in the community.

#### a. **Be a member of the TENN Team and**

- participate in planning for sustainability activities on campus
- engage student, faculty, and staff to ignite passion and develop new initiatives around food justice and sustainability
- coordinate campus garden operations and events
- assist with produce deliveries to homes in the area
- assist with educational and service events
- assist TENN manager with other tasks

#### b. **Qualifications for this position:**

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Passion for food justice and environmental sustainability
- Relational skills for working with college students
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Organized and self-motivated

#### c. **Work Schedule**

- Normal working hours: Monday through Friday 8:30-5pm
- Some evenings and weekends – balanced by time-off from equivalent normal working hours

#### d. **Special Note:**

TENN works closely with Detroit community members and student volunteers. Staff members may be involved in reflections and trainings meant to teach volunteers about the context of the work and the populations with whom we work and increase cultural sensitivity.

#### e. **Pathways to employment**

This job is available either as a [CEDAM Americorps](#) position or via becoming a [Mercy Volunteer](#).

#### f. **Housing and Stipend**

Housing and living stipends are in place for Mercy Volunteers. Americorps provides a living stipend. Arrangements are being investigated for a housing option to go along with the Americorps position.

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## 2. **Red Cloud Red Cloud Indian School** <https://www.redcloudschool.org/>

Red Cloud Indian School is a private, Catholic, K–12 school run by the Jesuits in Oglala Lakota County, SD. The school serves Oglala Lakota Native American children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

### a. Volunteers:

- donate their expertise, energy and time to the education and personal development of the Lakota students and families. Red Cloud Indian School offers two unique opportunities to work for and alongside the Lakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation:
  - The Red Cloud Volunteer Program is designed for men and women from around the country who are interested in committing one to three years of service on the reservation.
  - The AmeriCorps Program is designed for young people - recruited both locally and nationally - to serve as teachers, aides, after-school prefects, and bus drivers. In return, members receive assistance with their educational costs.
- Volunteers work with students' studies by assisting with reading and math programs.
- Beyond the classroom, volunteers coach teams, drive bus routes, attend and chaperone school events, participate in parish activities and often spend time visiting with students and their families at their homes.

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## 3. **Mercy Volunteer Corps** <https://www.mercyvolunteers.org/>

Mercy Volunteers serve in cities across the US and in Guyana, South America. Volunteers are needed in the fields of education, healthcare, and social services.

- a. Mercy Volunteers live in a fully furnished house or apartment in communities of 3-5. MVC covers rent and all utilities during your year of service.
- b. Transportation expenses are covered from Orientation in August to your service site, during your year of service, to all retreats, and back home again after your year of service is complete. During your time of service, MVC provides a car and gas stipend or public transportation for travel within your city.
- c. Volunteers receive both personal and community stipends. Community members pool the community stipends to purchase groceries and household items.
- d. Mercy Volunteers receive health insurance through Catholic Volunteer Network. Volunteers can also be reimbursed if already covered.
- e. MVC offers unique opportunities to engage social justice issues, particularly related to Mercy's Critical Concerns of Earth, Immigration, Non-Violence, Racism and Women.

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4. **Jesuit volunteer Corps** <https://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/>

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps gives young leaders the tools and resources they need to take on some of the world's most difficult challenges. Our volunteers bring a dedication to the cause of justice and the courage to transform themselves and the communities they serve. We help them discover how to put this passion to work for life. Jesuit Volunteers are dedicated to accompanying folks in need of various services.

- a. Every service location represents a vibrant community with its unique joys and challenges.
- b. Volunteers serve across 37 communities in five countries. Over 176 service agencies are at the front lines of social justice. JV's are a part of an international network of young leaders fighting for a just and hopeful world.
- c. Volunteer sites serve those with health care needs, education of children, persons with disabilities, persons in need of housing and food, immigrants and refugees who need legal service, environmental stewardship and more.
- d. Each year a JV works in University Ministry at Detroit Mercy. This year it is Stephanie Zellner. You can speak with her about her experience when you stop by the Ministry Office.

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