

## VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

**PennPAC offers University of Pennsylvania alumni the opportunity to apply their intellectual talents and professional skills in a meaningful and socially impactful way to assist nonprofit organizations.**

There are 3 ways to volunteer:

- **Consulting engagements** – Each spring and fall, teams of six Penn alumni help a new set of nonprofits address a strategic issue over an 8-10 week period. Projects are carefully scoped to be achievable for the team and impactful for our clients. Leadership roles are available.
- **One-night events** – 2 times per year Penn alumni serve together at one-evening ImPACt events. During these fun, interactive events, volunteers either provide strategic guidance to nonprofit management or provide direct service to a nonprofit's clients (e.g., brainstorming session, "deep dive", interviewing skills/resume review).
- **Internal projects** – Volunteers also support key PennPAC functions such as evaluation of client applications, volunteer matching, marketing, event planning and technology.

Is PennPAC right for me? Yes! Here's why:

- PennPAC is appropriate for all alumni from across the University, regardless of professional background. No specific experience is required.
- For consulting engagements, in-person requirements are minimal and work with your schedule (standard project teams have calls/meetings after work or on weekends; Business Hours teams have them during the work day).
- One-time ImPACt events are a chance to make a difference in the lives of others in just one night.

What can I expect on a consulting team?

- Six-person teams are comprised of a Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader and 4 additional consultants.
- The time commitment for a consultant is 3-5 hours/week. For a Team Leader and Deputy Team Leader, it is about 5-7 hours per week.
- Teams include a breadth of alumni, leveraging different types of backgrounds and skill sets.
- You'll build new skills, engage intellectually, have fun, and expand your network with other Penn alumni and senior leaders of nonprofit organizations.
- As a Team Leader or Deputy Team Leader, you'll get specialized training, a toolkit with templates and tips, and a chance to flex and hone your leadership skills.

How can I join a consulting team?

- Apply online for the next round of projects. Applications for spring projects (which run early March to mid-May) are accepted through mid-January. Applications for fall projects (which run early October to mid-December) are accepted through mid-August.
- As the application deadline nears, you will be contacted for a telephone interview. You will be notified of your status approximately two weeks before projects begin.

# CONSULTING ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

SPRING ROUND	ACTIVITY	FALL ROUND
November - January	Volunteer applications accepted	April - August
December - January	Nonprofit applications due, interviews held	May - June
January - February	Volunteer phone interviews, volunteer project matching	August - September
March	Project launch (Kick-off Meeting)	October
April	Project midpoint (Midterm Review Meeting)	November
May	Projects conclude (Final Presentation)	December