

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** – 3 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 (3 client meetings) 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 Team Leaders and Deputy Team Leaders, 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.

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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

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