



Volunteering

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Investing time in volunteering, is not only about contributing to a worthwhile cause, but also builds the foundation from which you can secure industry related experiences, such as work experience, vacation work, internships, and finally graduate employment. The benefits you gain from this experience may be greater than you realise.

It enables you to:

- Practice and enhance your employability skills
- Explore different interests and discover new talents
- Meet new people and expand your networks, both personally and professionally
- Provide specific examples to address selection criteria and respond to interview questions when applying for future positions
- In some instances, apply discipline-specific skills and gain practical experience

FINDING THE RIGHT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Before you start your search for a volunteering experience, you will need to consider the following:

- How much time can you dedicate to volunteering? Remember, the amount of time you are able to commit to may vary throughout the year due to study, work, or family commitments
- Are you interested in an ongoing volunteer commitment or nominating for specific events and activities?
- How far are you willing to travel and what modes of transport is available to you?
- What areas of interest and types of activities would you like to be involved with?
- What skills and experiences would you like to attain through volunteering and how does this align with the criteria for future employment opportunities?
- Will you need to attain a Working with Children Check, National Police Certificate, and references in order to undertake volunteer work?

BEFORE YOU START A VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Before you commence your volunteer experience, make sure you investigate:

- Your rights and responsibilities as a volunteer
- The rights and responsibilities of the organisation for which you are volunteering
- Induction, training, and support provided by your chosen organisation
- Your role and the organisational protocols you will need to follow

FINDING THE RIGHT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

There is a huge range of volunteer opportunities available. You may have a particular cause or charity to which you would like to dedicate your time. If so, check out their website or contact them directly. If you are unsure of where to volunteer, you may find the right opportunity for you at one of the following:

[Student Ambassadors](#)

- The main benefit of being a Student Ambassador is that the students get training, certification and education that contribute to Professional Development that is advantageous in their future careers.

[Curtin Volunteers](#)

- Email us at curtinvolunteersmalaysia@gmail.com or studentexperience@curtin.edu.my. Get in touch with any CV member and they will help you out!

[Curtin Mentor](#)

- The 'New Curtin Mentor Program' is a program that connects new students with their fellow seniors of the same course, on guiding and helping the new students on adjusting to their first semester in Curtin University.

[Orientation Leaders](#)

- Students will get training, certification, experience and knowledge that could contribute to Professional Development that can give you an advantage in your future careers.