



## FINDING A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Consider the following tips when choosing an organization or program:

- **Interests:** What activities or tasks do you enjoy undertaking? Are the tasks dependent on a particular skill set? Is this a chance to apply academic knowledge?
- **Time Commitment:** How much time per week you would like to devote to the volunteer work? Is this a one-time or short-term or ongoing project?
- **Skills:** What skills you would like to develop? Though the work may not be directly related to your study field, consider if you can develop some of these **transferrable skills** through volunteering - leadership, team work, problem-solving and analysis, project management and organization, interpersonal skill, oral and written communication skills, and knowledge about the organization or the industry.
- To learn more about volunteering: [Volunteering 101](http://www.idealists.org) at idealist.org

## BE A GREAT VOLUNTEER

Part of having a great volunteer experience relies on your ability to be a great volunteer. These basic principles are good to keep in mind:

- Be professional.
- Honor your volunteer commitments.
- Extend gratitude to an organization for any training or professional development you receive while volunteering.