



IT'S TIME TO STEP UP

We say this all the time at Operation Smile, but it's true: Our student volunteers are our future.

And now that we're all facing the staggering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need our student volunteers now more than ever before. We need our future – now.

The pandemic has postponed international medical missions, which means that even more people are going to need our help when programs resume. That's why during our annual Step UP symposium, we'll gather our global network of undergraduate student volunteers to share how Operation Smile contributes to global health – and how students from every major can get involved and help us tackle this global challenge.

This conference will empower students in two important ways: Learning and leading. First, professionals from different disciplines – medicine,

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Step Up Symposium will take place ONLINE via Zoom from Jan. 5-8, 2021. Registration will begin in November.

The cost is \$20. This includes an official certificate of participation!

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business and education, just to name a few – will speak and offer advice for students' next steps, not only in volunteerism, but in their own career paths.

And then, working in peer groups, Step UP participants will get hands-on and help Operation Smile address challenges presented by COVID-19.



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UNIVERSITY

AFTER STEP UP,

WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP WITH OS?

NOTE: These undergraduate field programs are tentative as we continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19. To take part in these programs, you must have attended a Step UP Symposium.

Be a U-Voice storyteller. Undergrads are trained to serve as journalists during Operation Smile medical missions, capturing patients and volunteer stories. **Details:** <http://bit.ly/os-u-voice>

Be a Peace Mission lead. Two undergrads who are fluent in Spanish lead our team of rising high schoolers on a community-engagement trip to Latin America. **Details:** studentprograms.operationsmile.org/trainings/peace-mission/

Be an intern. Apply for an internship with Operation Smile's departments at its global headquarters in Virginia Beach. There are opportunities here for (almost) every major. **Apply:** <http://bit.ly/osinternships>

Be a champion of dignity. A lack of education and resources can keep girls out of school when they're on their period. During medical missions, our team of undergrads will conduct women's health workshops to create reusable pads.

Details: studentprograms.operationsmile.org/trainings/dignity-project/

Be a trailblazer: Recent research has shown a curious connection between smoke inhalation and prevalence of children born with cleft. To investigate and, hopefully, counteract this, our team of undergrads will head to Mexico and replace open-fire cookstoves in people's homes.

Details: studentprograms.operationsmile.org/trainings/cook-stove-project/

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