



## Application

For more information about volunteering, please contact ARI directly at [ecu@ari-edu.org](mailto:ecu@ari-edu.org) and we will be in contact shortly.

You may also contact the American Friends of ARI - the North American ARI supporters organization:

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Documents needed to apply:

- Application form
- Recommendation letter
- Health certificate
- Passport sized photograph



*Day by day, I learn and do so many different things, talk with so many interesting people, enjoy good self-produced food... I realize how valuable my time at ARI is and I feel great gratitude for every new morning. God makes me rich through every single experience at ARI!*

***Itsuo Fujishima, Japan, 2004-2005 Volunteer***

*I am so very blessed to be able to take part in this wonderful community. Every day is different and I am always learning something new. These brave leaders from all across the globe give me such hope that we can build a better world together, in peace.*

***Meghan, USA 2006-2007 Volunteer***

*After I came to ARI I was very surprised how fast I grew to be a part of this unique community. Everybody accepted me in a very friendly and kind way that I could not help but feel at home within a couple of days. It is an incredible opportunity and great luck to get to know countless interesting people from all over Japan and from all over the world. My work is sometimes very exhausting but to me it is highly enjoyable work. Everyday I learn something new and everyday I am surprised how fast the days go by.*

***David, Germany 2004-2005 Volunteer***



That We May Live Together  
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Rural Leaders Training Center

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## Volunteers

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**I**nterested in being a part of a dynamic international community? Want to learn more about where your food really comes from? Not afraid of hard work and living simply? Seeking a place to explore your spiritual identity, or experience other religions?

If your answer is “Yes!” to any of these questions, then you may want to consider volunteering at the Asian Rural Institute.

ARI welcomes women and men of every age, race, and faith. We only ask that you come with an open mind ready for new experiences and new challenges. We need your talents and thoughts, your skills and songs, your laughter and hard work.

Come and join us in our pursuit to build a peaceful, just and environmentally healthy world in which we may live according to our motto:

**“That we may live together”**

## The Asian Rural Institute

The Asian Rural Institute (ARI) is an international training center for grassroots leaders. Set on a farm in Japan, participants from rural communities throughout Asia, Africa and the Pacific are invited to participate in ARI’s nine month Rural Leaders Training Program in sustainable, organic agriculture, community development, and leadership.

**ARI is located in  
Nasushiobara,  
Japan**



At the end of this program participants return home to work with their people to create healthier, more independent, and more sustainable communities.

## Volunteer Information

A volunteer term is from two months up to one year. If you would like to come for a shorter period please apply as a Working Visitor. Details can be found on the website. While the training program runs from April through December, volunteers are needed throughout the year.

A volunteer does not need farming experience or specific skills, but should welcome new challenges, such as living and working simply within a vast diversity of people and cultures. Volunteers should be ready to humbly contribute to the training program in a supportive role.

ARI is Christian in inspiration and interfaith in practice, and any volunteer should be open to religious diversity and spiritual reflection. At any one time, ARI has on campus people from over 15 different countries, with English serving as the common language.

*For more information, please visit our website!  
[www.ari-edu.org](http://www.ari-edu.org)*

We welcome volunteers of any age over 18, as long as your health allows you to fully participate in our daily schedule.

## Volunteer Work and Assignments

During your stay you will be assigned to one or more sections, such as Livestock, Crops and Vegetables, Meal Service, Food Processing, Maintenance or Office Work. In addition, everyone contributes to daily “foodlife” work, which is a word coined at ARI to show the connection between food and life.

Through your work you will gain important experiences for yourself and join the rest of the ARI community in living the ARI philosophy of sharing, serving and being good stewards of the environment.



## Expenses

ARI will provide a double occupancy room for you at no charge. The meal fees are ¥30,000 per month. If you are not financially capable of covering the meal fees you may apply for a fee waiver. Volunteers are expected to cover all additional

### ARI Daily Schedule

6:30 a.m.	Exercise & cleaning
7:00 a.m.	Foodlife work
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:10 a.m.	Morning gathering
10:00 a.m.	Morning work
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Afternoon work
5:00 p.m.	Foodlife work
6:30 p.m.	Dinner