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# VOLUNTEER

with Mercy Ships

Join us onboard the *Africa Mercy*





## Mercy Ships uses hospital ships to transform lives and serve nations

Mercy Ships delivers free surgical care onboard the *Africa Mercy*, a floating hospital that serves people who would have no other way to receive help.

As well as providing direct medical care, Mercy Ships also train and mentor healthcare professionals, renovate hospitals and clinics, and work with governments to build sustainable national healthcare plans.

### The *Africa Mercy*

The *Africa Mercy* is the world's largest charity-run hospital ship, with around 400 crew onboard. The ship includes the hospital, crew accommodation, dining room, café, school, library and offices.

We usually stay docked in a port for 10 months, setting up camp in our dock space. Crew can leave the ship to explore the city or get involved with an organised programme ashore.

We have crew from more than 40 different nations every year, making a vibrant, faith-based community that thrives on loving and serving one another. Every crew member makes a difference and every role is crucial. There's always something going on to get involved in!





## Just half of the positions onboard are medical

We don't just need doctors and nurses. Half of the positions onboard are in our technical or general departments. We're a ship, so we need marine deck and engineering crew. These volunteers fuel the work in the hospital and sail us to each destination.

And we also need support staff around the ship who play vital roles - feeding everyone, keeping our IT equipment running, keeping our vehicles going, taking photos or teaching in the school. We need your skills!



## Couples & Families

One fantastic thing about serving with Mercy Ships is that spouses can serve together and families can live together onboard. Couples simply need to find a role that suits each of them; and if a family member takes on a leadership role in any department, they can bring their family too!

The school is fully accredited and you get a cabin just for your family. Couples get their own cabin too.

For more information or to apply  
[apply.mercyships.org](http://apply.mercyships.org)



## Volunteer positions

### Medical

Nurse  
 Surgeon  
 Physician  
 Anaesthetist  
 Dentist  
 Radiologist  
 Pharmacist  
 Laboratory Technician  
 Physiotherapist  
 Dietician  
 Training Facilitator  
 Biomed Technician

### Other opportunities

Marine Officer  
 Marine Engineer  
 Electrician  
 Plumber  
 Cook  
 Housekeeper  
 Supply  
 Finance  
 Human Resources  
 Vehicle Mechanic  
 IT Staff  
 Teacher  
 Chaplain  
 Sales  
 Hospitality  
 Photographer  
 Videographer  
 Writer  
 Receptionist  
 Dining Room Staff



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## How much does it cost?

Every volunteer pays a monthly contribution to the living costs onboard, which include food and accommodation, as well as paying for their travel to and from the *Africa Mercy*. You should also consider insurance and personal expenses.

How much you pay depends on what country you're from and how long you're serving for – you might qualify for a discount on the base rate of \$700 per month. Our online community myMercy has some fundraising tips to get you started.

We offer opportunities ranging from 2 weeks to 3 years; serving for more than 12 months requires pre-boarding training. For more information, visit: [apply.mercyships.org](https://apply.mercyships.org)

## Do you have more questions?

### myMercy

myMercy is our online community where you can find answers to some FAQs, often answered by crew members themselves!

[mymercy.mercyships.org](https://mymercy.mercyships.org)

### Email us

If you want to speak to one of us about volunteering, you can email us and we will happily answer any questions you have.

[volunteering@mercyships.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@mercyships.org.uk)

For more information or to apply  
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