



# MSU Student Housing Cooperative, Inc.

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## Position Posting MSU Student Housing Cooperative

**Position :** Cooperative Resource Developer  
(Food Cooperative Initiatives VISTA)



The MSU Student Housing Cooperative is hosting an AmeriCorps\*VISTA in coordination with the Power of We Consortium in Ingham County, Michigan. We are seeking an individual to join our dynamic team for a year to investigate and recommend cooperative solutions to healthy food access & affordability among students and residents of the greater Ingham County.

### Logistics

**Location :** 541 East Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

**Term :** 1 Year

**Start Date :** Late-March/early-April 2018

**End Date :** Dependent on start date

**Who May be Considered :** Any U.S. Citizen age 18 or over

**Annual Living Allowance :** \$12,278 per year

**Time Requirements :** 36-40 hrs per week

**Application Deadline :** January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Benefits :** Financial Aid Award Package education award / **stipend** \$5,920 / **\$1,800**, health insurance, childcare and transportation allowance, AmeriCorps Membership

### Position Description:

The Food Cooperative Initiatives VISTA will increase the impact & influence of cooperative food through assessing SHC's opportunities & shortcomings in meeting community needs across Ingham County. They will research and evaluate models for healthy food programs such as : food cooperatives, food hubs, community gardens, local currency, and/or bulk buying clubs.

Initially, the VISTA will become familiar with the MSU Student Housing Cooperative (MSU SHC) and community in general in order to establish a strong sense of existing programs, membership offerings, partners, and resources available. Additionally, this VISTA will identify opportunities to combat food, housing, and financial barriers for members & residents.

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Community networking and coordinating with other local & regional resources, and supporting existing food cooperatives or programs within Ingham County will be an integral part of the VISTA's work.



**Skills Required:** Willing to work as a member on a team, strong communication & problem-solving skills, food systems education, and healthy foods visionary.

**Skills Requested:** Knowledge on the Cooperative Movement, knowledge of non-profit housing networks and services in the Ingham County and Greater Lansing Area or similar, a Bachelor's Degree in any (but not limited to) the following areas : Urban Planning and Development, Political Science, Business, Peace and Justice Studies, Anthropology, community organizing experience

*A preferred applicant would be one who is familiar with the Cooperative movement, has some experience within Cooperative housing and/or foods, and is enthusiastic about the Cooperative Principles and expanding the Cooperative movement to assist in providing more affordable housing & healthy foods to others.*

*Accepted applicant will have all standard requirements of an Americorps\* VISTA, and have a regional team leader in assisting their work alongside our in-office staff.*

How to apply : Please send a Cover Letter, Resume, and Professional References to [hiring@msu.coop](mailto:hiring@msu.coop) . Applicants will also be required to submit an application to Americorps\*VISTA for approval. Go to [hd.ingham.org](http://hd.ingham.org) Look for "Americorps" in Quick Links for info.