Actual Interview Email from the Peace Corps!

This is what the invitation email from a Placement Officer looks like. This is provided for background information, but you should also carefully read the full handout called "Preparing for Your Peace Corps Interview," which contains even more tips as well as sample questions and information on scheduling a mock interview on campus.

Dear [*name*],

Your Peace Corps application has been reviewed and I would like to schedule an interview with you for the [*Secondary Education English Teacher*] position in [*Namibia*], departing [*August 27, 2023*].

If your availability date has changed from what you initially stated on your application, please let me know by responding to this email with your updated availability date.

Interviews are conducted via online video chat and take between 60-90 minutes. To schedule your interview, please follow this [*link*]. Please note that the sign-up calendar may take a couple of minutes to load before you are able to select a date and time. Interview times are selected by candidates on a first come, first served basis. Please choose your preferred time slot **within two calendar days**. Candidates are only able to reschedule once using the scheduling platform.

Once you have scheduled your interview, I will send a confirmation email with the information you will need to access the video chat. Please let me know if you think it will be a challenge to participate via video conference and we will adjust accordingly. The Peace Corps is committed to providing access, equal opportunity, and reasonable accommodations in its programs, activities, Volunteer service, and employment to individuals with disabilities. To request an accommodation for the interview, please contact me directly prior to selecting an interview time.

The interview will provide us with a chance to assess your fit for the Peace Corps. It is also a chance for us to discuss any questions you have about how to be a successful Peace Corps Volunteer or about the application process.

Interview tips:

- The Peace Corps is a [professional](#) organization and we expect applicants to conduct themselves in a professional manner during the entire application process.
- Review the [*Namibia*] [Country](#) page.
- Learn about the [Peace Corps](#) and [Volunteer life](#).
- Review the "[Ask Peace Corps](#)" blog series for in depth information on the application process, including the interview.
- I will ask you about past and current long term experiences that relate to the following:
  - Living or working with people from another culture;
  - Working in an unstructured environment;
  - Teaching, tutoring, or mentoring others;
  - Failing to achieve a significant goal that was within your control.

Try to share different experiences for each of these subjects.

- During the interview, we will discuss opportunities for mutual learning, past experiences and coping mechanisms, support during service, and any questions or concerns you may have. I will ask you about commonly faced challenges, such as:
  - Uncommon foods/lack of variety in diet, altered living conditions, and modifying appearance
  - Separation from family/friends/significant other, geographic/volunteer isolation, and perception of privacy
  - Traditional gender roles and diversity and inclusion challenges and opportunities (e.g., ethnicity, race, physical attributes, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, or other traits).

Please review the [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility](#) (DEIA) and [Stories](#) pages on the Peace Corps website to learn more about Peace Corps' approach to DEIA and the experiences of Volunteers of different backgrounds.

Also review the Peace Corps Legal Questionnaire attachment and [Peace Corps' Drug and Alcohol Policy](#), both of which will be addressed during the interview.

Congratulations on being selected for an interview. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

[*Placement Officer signature*]

Attached Files: [Legal Questionnaire.pdf](#)