

# WindAid Institute

WindAid is a non-profit focused on building wind turbines with developing communities in Peru to provide them with clean and renewable energy solutions while addressing the effects of climate change. We think we have some fantastic opportunities to offer the students at UCLA

At [WindAid Institute](#) our mission is to provide a unique educational experience empowering people to create a sustainable world. We are based in Trujillo, Peru and together with our volunteers we build both 2.5 kW and 500 Watt wind turbines for small communities and families that are part of some 7 million people in Peru living with no access to electricity. Volunteering for WindAid Institute offers an opportunity to explore Peru and to understand firsthand the necessity of renewable energies. You also learn in depth the design, construction, and installation of a wind turbine and see its direct impact on a rural community, a family or a school.

Volunteers get hands-on experience in all steps of building and installing a wind turbine as part of a team. They will learn and gain expertise in such materials and processes as: carbon fiber, fiberglass, resin composites, steel structures and welding, electrical systems, aerodynamics, and much more; all the while getting to experience the life and cultures of Peru. There are no pre-requisite skills, we seek out passionate, enthusiastic individuals hungry to learn and create a positive change in the lives of others.

WindAid has had volunteers from 38 different countries with diverse educational backgrounds and interests. WindAid programs inherently instill knowledge of various careers, connecting each volunteer with a global network of young and experienced professionals.

We have year-round opportunities and rolling application deadlines, with projects limited to eight volunteers. We have added two more groups in 2016 because of such strong demand, and released the dates for 2017 earlier than ever before. The new dates are filling up, so [apply now!](#)

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>27 June- 22 July</b>	<b>2 January - 27 January</b>
<b>1 August - 26 August</b>	<b>6 February - 3 March</b>
<b>5 September - 30 September</b>	<b>13 March - 7 April</b>
<b>10 October - 4 November</b>	<b>17 April - 12 May</b>
<b>14 November - 9 December</b>	<b>22 May - 16 June</b>

On our website, [www.WindAid.org](http://www.WindAid.org), you will find volunteer testimonials, as well as more info on the diverse wind energy projects we have completed and the opportunities we offer. You can also check out [Facebook](#) to learn more about the day-to-day life as a WindAid volunteer.

I have attached a promotional poster, and would greatly appreciate it if you could circulate it in a newsletter, a department website, or post it around campus. Any assistance is truly appreciated as we ambitiously expand our programs this year.

We are always excited to talk to anybody that is interested, so please do not hesitate to contact me, Zoé Serafinowicz, at [Volunteer@WindAid.org](mailto:Volunteer@WindAid.org).



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