

## OFFERING SERVICE IN THE FPMT ORGANIZATION

### WHAT IS THE FPMT?

[The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition](#) is an international network of Buddhist teaching centers, meditation centers, retreat centers, monasteries, nunneries, publishing houses, hospice services, and other community service projects, all functioning to achieve the FPMT mission.

The FPMT was founded in 1975 by Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche. The unity of the work of the Foundation is maintained by following the direction given by these two great lamas.

### WHY OFFER SERVICE?

- You've done the course, maybe now you would like to become more involved in this amazing and evolving philanthropic organization.
- Join a great family of people who share the FPMT vision of helping all sentient beings achieve enlightenment, and who work to make that a reality in their own lives and in the lives of those around them.
- Have the satisfaction of working for the benefit of others, not for money or fame.
- An opportunity to work and live in different places in the world.

**TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES** are: housekeeper; receptionist; manager; book-keeper/accountant; publicity and promotion; fundraising; building maintenance; spiritual program coordinator (for more experienced students).

Most centers will offer room and food, some also offer pocket money. There are a few centers with full-time positions which offer a salary. The conditions vary from center to center and from job to job.

### HOW TO OFFER SERVICE

The main ways to find out about job and volunteer opportunities available in the FPMT are:

1. Regularly check out opportunities listed on the [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#) page
2. [Subscribe](#) to the monthly [FPMT International Office E-News](#), which flags up new job or volunteer opportunities, as well as giving updates on Lama Zopa Rinpoche's advice and schedule and other FPMT updates.

If there are no opportunities currently available which fit what you are looking for, you are welcome to write to the [FPMT regional or national coordinator](#) in the country or countries in which you are able to offer service. The questions below may help you to introduce yourself to them.

**I would be interested in offering service in the FPMT – Questionnaire**

Name:

Nationality:

Email address:

1. Please list your professional skills.
2. Have you offered service before in any FPMT center, project or service, and if so, in what capacity?
3. Do you have references available, ideally from an FPMT center?
4. What sort of work are you particularly interested in doing?
5. Are you available to go anywhere in the world? Can you cover your travel expenses?
6. What languages do you speak?
7. Are you able to offer your services as a volunteer or do you need an income?
8. Do you have family to take into account?
9. When are you available from, and for how long?

If there is any other information that you feel will be relevant, please include it.

**Thank You!**