



## **SKILLED WORK STUDY VOLUNTEER POSITION: CARETAKER**

### **ABOUT US**

Vajrapani Institute for Wisdom Culture (VPI) is a secluded retreat center located in the stillness of the California Redwoods. Our purpose is to inspire deep spiritual work by providing supportive conditions. Both retreaters and staff members from all religious traditions are nurtured by the energy of our blessed land, holy objects, and visiting teachers. VPI is associated with the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT), an international network of over 140 centers founded by Lama Yeshe and Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

We are looking for a warm and kind hearted person who values harmony and can, therefore, live and work in a contemplative environment with a community of practitioners made up of retreaters and staff members. This individual must be service minded and understand how his/her role serves the needs of the VPI community.

### **DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

Our “Caretaker Team” has oversight of our land and retreat facilities including our buildings, electrical system, road, and utilities. The work study volunteer assists this team for 25 hours per week to provide general maintenance and repairs. This is a long-term volunteer position with a minimum commitment of 4 months.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Necessary criteria:**

- General maintenance skills,
- Confident with general building and land maintenance,
- Works well in a team environment,
- Has own vehicle,
- Sense of humor,
- Reliable,
- Very capable in the event of an urgent situation and he/she is alone,
- Commitment to VPI’s mission and core values of wisdom, harmony, loving-heartedness, spaciousness, clarity, and trust.

#### **Not necessary but a big plus:**

- Carpentry skills,
- Mechanical skills,
- Landscaping experience,

- Not necessary to be Buddhist or spiritually inclined but must respect VPI's spiritual environment.

**BENEFITS**

This is a 25 hour per week long-term volunteer position in exchange for simple lodging and meals. There are many opportunities to participate in retreats and learn the dharma based on one's interest.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.**

**TO APPLY:**

Please fill out the VPI application located at [www.vajrapani.org](http://www.vajrapani.org). Email the application along with a resume to Betty Chan, Assistant Director, [betty@vajrapani.org](mailto:betty@vajrapani.org). For questions, please contact Betty at 1-800-531-4001, x2.