



## Telecoms Sans Frontières volunteers program for emergency response in Asia-Pacific

AIT-partner, Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) is an NGO specialized in emergency telecommunications which deploys during humanitarian crises. TSF sets up connections (Internet, phone and fax lines) at the heart of areas struck by wars, natural disasters or man-made catastrophes, serving both affected civilians and relief organizations.

For emergency deployments, TSF sends teams composed of TSF staffs, and volunteers with IT/Telecoms skills who have been previously trained on TSF equipments and procedures. The existing partnership between Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and TSF has already enabled many AIT students and staffs to engage in TSF activities, and to be deployed on disaster response with TSF in Asia Pacific.

TSF will be organizing a new training session from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September in Bangkok, to reinforce TSF volunteer's roster for emergency deployments.

### Conditions

- Volunteers are on a roster which TSF can select from when an emergency happens. This requires availability at short notice, generally for missions lasting around 2 weeks.
- Volunteers will participate to regular training and refresher sessions to stay up-to-date with the use of TSF equipments and procedures.
- Volunteers are not employees and do not receive incomes from their activities at the Regional Office. However, when on mission, a daily allowance is provided and all costs are covered (travel, insurance, etc...).
- Volunteers will receive initial training in the use of the equipment and in the development of the mission (its objectives, conditions of security, reports...).
- Volunteers can also participate to TSF activities in disaster preparedness, capacity building programs, as well as R&D.

### Profile and Required skills

- Sensitivity to humanitarian aid, mobility, resourcefulness and autonomy
- Technical skills (IT support, TCP/IP Networks)
- English speaking fluent

### Selection process

- Candidates should send their application (**CV + cover letter**) to [asia@tsfi.org](mailto:asia@tsfi.org).
- **Deadline for submission is Monday 17 of September.**
- TSF will pre-select a list of candidates and submit this pre-selection to AIT for approval. Only candidates who have been previously approved by their Dean and/or Advisor can participate in the TSF Training and become volunteers.
- Selected volunteers to be trained from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September will be informed by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

### Additional information

TSF and AIT have an agreement enabling AIT students who volunteer for TSF to leave on mission during the regular academic semester, upon advisor's authorization obtained before joining the training. However, students will have to catch up on classes and/or exams missed during the mission upon their return.

An information session will be held at AIT campus, on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 6 PM, in TC building room 201**. Students interested in this volunteer program are all welcome.

More details about being a volunteer at TSF can also be found on this web page: <http://www.tsfi.org/en/getinvolved/volunteer/60-devenir-volontaire-pour-tsfi>