Lead the Way!

Housed in the Department of Student Life, The University of Vermont's Leadership & Civic Engagement Programs (LCE) mission is to foster a culture of student involvement, leadership, and learning through hands-on civic engagement.

**UVM LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

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This practicum is geared to an intern who has some experience with or a deep interest in civic-engagement, student leadership development, social justice training, organization development/planning, community partnership building, and the application of theory to practice. Practicum projects are designed to fully utilize the skills, experiences, and interests of the intern, while connecting to one of the core areas of Leadership & Civic Engagement programs. Applicants who are great independent workers, with a focus toward building institutional programmatic tools, will be very successful in this position. In Spring 2016, the practicum student will assist with organizational research into the experiences of students of color and male-identified students with Alternative Spring Break – including organizing focus groups. Additional projects are also possible based on student interest.

Examples of past practicum projects are:

1. Expand and create new, innovative leadership and/or social justice materials and resources, such as web-based tools
2. Design and conduct presentations to student groups on topics relevant to leadership, civic engagement, or social justice issues
3. Support the design and implementation of leadership & civic engagement programs, events, activities, and projects (these have ranged from days of service, to voter registration, to web design, to the next step social justice retreat)
4. Develop current or new approaches to promoting diversity, cultural pluralism, social justice, and social awareness in the work of leadership and civic engagement
5. Help further develop student leader training around service and civic engagement (this includes alternative break trips and in-state service clubs)