



The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

Global Village

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Faculty Director **Global Village Residential Learning Community** (.50 FTE)

We invite applications and nominations for the position of Faculty Director of the Global Village Residential Learning Community at the University of Vermont.

The Faculty Director acts as head of the Global Village Residential Learning Community. Reporting to the Vice President for Enrollment Management, the Director is responsible for developing the academic components of this residential learning community and for building bridges between the academic and residential missions of the university. The Faculty Director will work collaboratively with the Directors of the Living/Learning Center and the Department of Residential Life, coordinating efforts with the residential life staff to organize and present appropriate curricular, co-curricular, and social programs. In addition to directing and developing this program, the Faculty Director will play a key role in working with colleagues, committees, and administrators across campus to design and implement a multi-faceted and mutually supportive residential learning community system. Preference will be given to candidates who have a comfort with and demonstrated commitment to diversity, social justice and fostering a collaborative multicultural environment.

Tenured UVM faculty members at the rank of Associate Professor and above as well as emeritus faculty are eligible to apply. This position is a half-time, ten-month position, with a two year term of appointment commencing on July 1, 2008. Ideally, the successful candidate will be able to spend some time working with the present director and engaging with the Global Village during the spring 2008 semester.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but review of dossiers will begin on December 18, 2007. Please apply online at www.uvmjobs.com. Search for the position using job requisition number #032181. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, evidence of successful and dedicated teaching, and the names and contact information of at least three references to your application.

For more information, please contact:

Global Village Director Search Advisory Committee
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About the Global Village

The Global Village has as its focus the connections among language, art, and culture at regional, national, and international scales. Within this Residential Learning Community's borders lie a number of language and culture-based programs – some faculty-led, and others student-designed. For 2007-08, the Global Village hosts the Africa, Canada, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish Houses, as well as “Latin American Politics and Culture,” “Open and Active Minds on Global Issues,” and “Shalom Home: The Israeli Experience.” Combined with the numerous international students throughout the houses and the close proximity in which the students live, the Global Village is an ideal location to take language and cultural studies to the next level.

Throughout the 2006-2007 academic year, the Global Village was responsible for arranging more than two dozen speakers, concerts, performances or films. These were in addition to the dozens of events and activities that were offered by the individual Houses that comprise the Global Village – a process that has continued in this, its second year of existence, with an increased level of interaction among the various programs. All of these activities have supported one or more of the following objectives of the Global Village, whose community members:

- Explore the many connections among language, art, and culture at regional, national, and international scales.
- Share disciplinary expertise within an environment that values a holistic approach to “living and learning.”
- Encourage formal and informal contacts among students, faculty, and staff within the Global Village, the Living/Learning Center, the other Residential Learning Communities, and the university as a whole.
- Aim to be a complement to existing international and cross-cultural programs at UVM.
- “Think globally and act locally” by outreach to the international community at UVM and within the greater Burlington area.

To see examples of the specific types of activities that help students accomplish these objectives, please visit the Global Village section of the Residential Learning Communities Web site, paying particular attention to the Global Village Calendar of actual events:

<http://www.uvm.edu/globalvillage>

About Residential Learning Communities

Residential Learning Communities at the University of Vermont are designed to engage the whole student, tying together the intellectual, ethical, and social aspects of college life. By living together with fellow students who share common interests and ideals, the individual student becomes part of a true community, a community that is also tied to the greater world beyond the confines of the university. In addition, students, faculty, and staff are given the opportunity to interact outside the classroom, lab, or office, thereby encouraging the pursuit of knowledge as a lifetime activity.

The learning goals for Residential Learning Communities are consonant both with the strategic objectives of the University of Vermont and with the key educational outcomes recently articulated by the Association of American Colleges & Universities in their publication, *Our Students' Best Work: A Framework for Accountability Worthy of our Mission*.

- An interdisciplinary understanding of (and hands-on experience with) inquiry practices that explore the natural, social, and cultural realms.
- Intercultural knowledge and collaborative problem-solving skills.
- A mindset that fosters integrative, critical thinking and the ability to transfer skills and knowledge from one setting to another.
- A proactive sense of civic and social responsibility.
- Strong written and oral communication, technology, and leadership skills for success in college and beyond.

For more information about Residential Learning Communities at the University of Vermont, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.uvm.edu/rlc>