



## **Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellows Program**

Office of the Provost ~ Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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To advance the University of Vermont's leadership role in Planetary Health, the Provost and the Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies invite proposals from academic units individually, or in cross-unit collaboration, interested in hosting a postdoctoral fellowship supporting interdisciplinary research at the intersection of human and environmental health. The Planetary Health Initiative Postdoctoral Fellows Program will award two fellowships per year in each of the next five years.

### About the Fellowship:

- The expected appointment length is two years; the initial appointment will be for one year with the extension of an additional year pending satisfactory progress
- The minimum annual salary for the full-time, 12-month appointment will be \$61,000 and based on experience
- \$5,000 per year in funding for research costs and travel will be provided
- Candidates up to 5 years post Ph.D. may be considered; former UVM Ph.D. students are eligible
- The primary focus of the fellowship is research; teaching responsibilities may be part of the assignment, but are not required

### About the Proposal:

Proposals demonstrating a commitment to recruiting candidates who can contribute to the diversity and inclusive excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service and who also show a dedication to UVM's 'Our Common Ground' values will be given priority. These proposals should indicate whether, and how, the fellowship will serve as a bridge to a forthcoming faculty vacancy; in these cases, the fellowship's responsibilities should include teaching as appropriate. Proposals may be for only one fellowship.

### Additionally, proposals should:

- Identify an academic home department and primary faculty mentor, or, if dependent on the appointee, potential faculty mentors and how/when the mentor will be selected

- Include a mentoring plan for the postdoctoral fellow
- Include brief endorsements from the department chair and dean
- Demonstrate opportunities for engagement in research across units
- Describe the criteria that will be used to determine the appointment's extension to a second year
- Describe the search process that will be employed to identify the fellow; the Provost and the Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies should be included in the final phase of the search process
- Be no more than 5 pages in length (1" margins, 12-point font), not including the endorsements from the chair and dean

Process and timeline:

- Proposals should be submitted to [Kerry.Castano@uvm.edu](mailto:Kerry.Castano@uvm.edu) by September 30, 2024
- Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee appointed by the Provost; the final selection will be made by the Provost and the Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- Award notifications will be issued by October 18, 2024
- The external searches for the fellows may be conducted in late fall or during the spring for appointments to commence in January or July