



Become a Food Systems Innovation Fellow

The UVM Food Systems Graduate program offers two one-year fellowships to talented graduate students who are interested in collaborating with UVM Dining (managed by Sodexo) and gaining professional development skills. The fellowships are for 10 hours per week throughout the academic year. They provide a total stipend of \$12,000 and a 12-credit tuition waiver for the student's first year of academic studies.

Application deadline: January 15

Eligibility: Food Systems Master's program applicants are invited to apply. There are two fellowship positions available. Review the descriptions below and choose one to apply for. **Please submit a statement in 350 words** (or less), describing the reasons for your interest and how you can contribute to the work. The statement should be uploaded as a **miscellaneous attachment** to the online graduate application.

Food Systems Innovation Fellows will develop the following skills and knowledge:

- An understanding of institutional food service operations and Farm-to-Institution (FTI) movement.
- Experience with leveraging institutional purchasing power to shift supply chains and integrating value propositions about food with educational initiatives.
- Project management skills.
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- An understanding of social movements in the food system and student activism.
- Familiarity with the Vermont food system.
- Networking with regional and national FTI, food justice and sustainability professionals and activists.

Food Access and Sustainability Fellow

The Food Access and Sustainability Fellow supports the implementation of campus dining projects to promote sustainability initiatives, including programming to support local food purchasing, reduce waste reduction, and reduce food insecurity on campus.

Expectations of VT First Fellow include:

- Ability to work independently; self-directed
- Seek out support and ask questions when needed

- Polished writing skills
- Ability to present to various stakeholder groups, from Advisory Board to student groups to Sodexo employees
- Onsite work on-campus, as directed by supervisor.

Responsibilities may include:

- Operational support and coordinating food donations for Rally Cat's Cupboard, the on-campus food pantry.
- Supporting [UVM Dining](#) on local food events and programming.
- Marketing and communication support for Sodexo's [Vermont First](#) program.
- Explore strategies to reduce food and packaging waste on campus, including food recovery efforts.
- Liaison with the Food Systems program to create long term collaborations and research proposals.

Procurement and Operations Fellow

The Procurement and Operations Fellow plays an integral role in the progress of Sodexo's Vermont First program.

Expectations of VT First Fellow include:

- Ability to work independently; self-directed
- Accurate work (particularly for data – in such a huge data set, it is hard to check work for accuracy; dependent on work being correct the first time)
- Familiarity with Excel and/or spreadsheets
- Seek out support and ask questions when needed
- Polished writing skills
- Ability to present to various stakeholder groups, from Advisory Board to student groups to Sodexo employees
- Attend Vermont First Advisory Board meetings (when class schedules allow)

Responsibilities may include:

- Develop a working knowledge of the Vermont First program goals and actions.
- Support Sodexo in compiling, analyzing and distributing local food procurement results.
- Serve on Sodexo's Vermont First Advisory Board.
- Research supply chains to support new and on-going efforts.
- Support the development of Vermont First annual work plans and outreach materials.
- Project management support for Vermont First's ongoing projects, including the New England Food Prize.
- Support UVM Dining on other sustainability projects, local food events and marketing.