



Position Announcement:

**Henderson-Harris Fellowship Program
Academic Fellowship in the Department of Anthropology
College of Arts and Sciences
The University of Vermont**

The University of Vermont's Department of Anthropology in The College of Arts & Sciences invites applications for a **Henderson-Harris Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Socio-Cultural Anthropology**. The position, which starts in Fall of 2024, lasts for a period of up to two years, with the expectation that the Fellow will transition to a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at the completion of the Fellowship.

We seek a BIPOC/POC/PGM scholar who works on culturally-based social justice movements focused on Indigeneity/Indigenous rights; environment, food, or sustainability; race/ethnicity; gender/sexuality; language; and/or religion. Geographic and cultural area is open, but preference will be given to candidates working in contexts in which legacies of colonialism, continuing structural inequities, and racism play a large role in social dynamics. Scholars whose work focuses on Indigenous Peoples, U.S.-based minoritized racial or ethnic groups, and/or ethnographic settings in sub-Saharan Africa, the African diaspora, or Southeast Asia are especially encouraged to apply.

Candidates must have completed their Ph.D. in Social or Cultural Anthropology between August 2019 and the start of the Fellowship. We seek candidates who demonstrate excellence and promise in scholarship, research funding, publications, teaching, and an ability to engage a variety of learners with effective pedagogies.

Fellows are required to teach one course each semester (two courses over the year) and deliver one research colloquium talk per year related to their research. The Fellowship (Postdoctoral Associate appointment) includes an annual stipend, university health insurance, moving expenses, and a fund to support research.

Application Process:

Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2023 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit completed materials to Prof. Luis Vivanco, Department Chair, at Luis.Vivanco@uvm.edu

Anticipated start date is August 19, 2024.



Applicants are asked to include:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Two representative publications
- A statement of research focus
- A teaching statement describing approach, philosophy and interests
- A statement about how they plan to contribute to the diversity, inclusion, and equity work of the University and the College of Arts and Sciences
- Contact information for three professional references.

The reference providers will be emailed information to upload their letters

Questions about the position should be directed to Prof. Deborah Blom (dblom@uvm.edu), who is chair of the search committee.

The Henderson-Harris Fellowship Program

This Fellowship honors the memory of two outstanding UVM alumni. George Washington Henderson was one of the first African American students elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to graduate from the University of Vermont (class of 1877). Andrew Harris was not only the very first African American graduate of the University of Vermont (class of 1838), but he was also the first African American college graduate in the United States to champion the abolition of slavery and to demand full equality for people of color.

Offered in cooperation with academic departments, the Henderson-Harris Fellowship program specifically seeks applicants who are US citizens or legal permanent residents, and who identify as people/persons of color. The Fellowship sponsors post-doctoral scholars who can help advance UVM's research and teaching goals and assist in reaching identified diversity goals, especially with respect to the specific academic curricula. The Henderson-Harris fellowships are awarded for a maximum of two years with the expectation the Fellow will transition to a tenure track position at UVM at the completion of the fellowship.

This Fellowship is offered as a full-time, 12-month Post-Doctoral/Post-MFA Associate appointment (September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024). Salary is set at 'no less than' \$66,000 for the 12-month appointment. Full health and other benefits (see list of benefits and other terms of employment: <https://www.uvm.edu/hrs/postdoctoral-associates-fellows-overview>). Relocation and research funds also available (to be determined at the time of hire).

Possibility of Tenure-Track

This Fellowship is offered as a full-time, 12-month Postdoctoral Associate appointment (September 1 through August 31) in the Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences. Fellows establish and pursue their own research agenda with guidance through a mentorship program tailored to help the Fellow transition into a tenure-track faculty position at the end of the Fellowship. If, in consultation with the department chair, the Fellow decides to apply for a tenure-track position at UVM, the Department of Anthropology will conduct a vote



about converting the position to tenure-track and send the hiring recommendation to the Provost for approval.

The University

Established in 1791, the University of Vermont is considered a public-ivy and consistently ranked as one of the top public universities in the United States. Our academic programs combine faculty-student relationships most commonly found in a small liberal arts college with the resources of a land-grant research institution. UVM's tradition of equity and social justice extends not only to faculty, staff, and students, but also is reflected in a commitment to environmentally sound and sustainable practices.

The College of Arts & Sciences

In the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), students experience the connectedness and accessibility of a small liberal arts college within a high caliber public research institution. Whether students are pursuing the Fine Arts, the Humanities, Natural Science and Mathematics or Social Sciences, they have a place here, in the College of Arts and Sciences' academic ecosystem.

The College of Arts and Sciences highly values the excellence that results when people from different backgrounds and perspectives work, interact, and learn together. In this way, commitment to diversity fosters our educational mission. For our students, it prepares them for life and work ahead: it recognizes that we are a culturally, ethnically, and racially diverse nation, one that is also situated in an increasingly global environment. For our faculty, scholarship and research are increasingly cooperative activities-often crossing national borders-requiring the abilities and skills to work with others often from very different backgrounds. For both our students and faculty, diversity enhances our curriculum, enriches the classroom experience, and fosters the exchange of ideas. As our society, economy, politics, and global interactions become increasingly diverse, so too must our intellectual community of students, faculty, and staff.

The College of Arts & Sciences' Diversity Plan

[The College of Arts & Sciences \(CAS\)](#) will become a role model for the creation of a welcoming and socially nurturing environment that actively promotes a sincere appreciation of diversity. To achieve our purpose, CAS will:

- Ensure faculty, students, and staff members from underrepresented and marginalized populations are an integral part of the life and governance of the institution
- Substantially increase the representation of women, minoritized, and other marginalized groups among faculty, students, and staff
- Engage all students, faculty, staff and community members in rich curricular and co-curricular experiences that enhance their understanding and appreciation of people of diverse personal and group histories, identities, and perspectives



Establishing a diverse and inclusive culture is a priority at the University of Vermont. In fact, UVM holds that diversity and academic excellence are inseparable. Read UVM's [Why Diversity Statement](#) and [Our Common Ground values](#). The University of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other category legally protected by federal or state law. The University encourages applications from all individuals who will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the institution.

The Department

The Anthropology Department is a vibrant community that strives to balance high-level research and scholarship, excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentorship, and anthropologically-informed engagement in the public sphere. Learn more at:

<https://www.uvm.edu/cas/anthropology>

The Community

UVM is located in Burlington, Vermont, which is rated as one of the best small cities in the country. The greater Burlington area has an increasingly diverse population of about 125,000 and enjoys a panoramic setting on the shore of Lake Champlain, between the Green Mountains of Vermont and the Adirondack Mountains of New York State. The surrounding area provides an environment rich in cultural, civic and recreational activities. Vermont has a deep history of social activism and political participation. It offers many opportunities for collaborative partnerships in community and state-wide human service and social change organizations in multiple fields of practice, including state agencies.

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The University of Vermont is an educationally purposeful community seeking to prepare students to be accountable leaders in a diverse and changing world. Members of the University of Vermont community embrace and advance the values of [Our Common Ground](#).