



## **PhD Graduate Assistantship in Food Systems and Social Justice**

The Food Systems Graduate Program at the University of Vermont is excited to announce that we are recruiting a PhD student for Fall 2021. This student will not only work in Food Systems, but will also be integral in founding the Institute for Social Justice (ISJ) at the University of Vermont.

The ISJ seeks to dismantle systems of oppression through intersectional approaches. The mission of the ISJ is to create and catalyze scholarship, education, and outreach for social change that is just, inclusive and transformative at the university and with its broader publics. The institute will fulfill its mission through:

- Collaborating on and off campus to address social injustices;
- Centering marginalized voices and building solidarity with marginalized communities;
- Expanding and supporting engaged research across disciplines;
- Encouraging policy-relevant research; and
- Embracing synergies within the University of Vermont and between the university and its broader publics.

### **Aims**

The main aim of this position is to establish the ISJ at UVM working with faculty and partners in both Food Systems and the ISJ.

### **Position**

This position is intended to prepare a PhD with expertise in food systems and social justice. Support includes a fellowship of \$30,275 per year for four years and a tuition waiver (two years will be funded for work with the ISJ, the remaining two years will be funded through RA/TAships with relevant units on campus). The successful candidate will need to be accepted in the Food Systems PhD program (applications due January 15, 2021) under the supervision of Dr. Teresa Mares, Dr. Ernesto Mendez, or Dr. John Gennari.

### **Requirements:**

- Demonstrated research and academic excellence.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently.
- Organized and professional.
- Ability to engage with various stakeholders.

**Application:**

A letter of faculty support to accompany your application should be solicited from Dr. Ernesto Mendez, Dr. John Gennari, or Dr. Teresa Mares. In addition to submitting an application to the Food Systems Graduate Program, please also submit a Statement of Interest with your application materials. In the statement, please address the following:

1. What unique skills and experiences will you bring to the ISJ and Food Systems Graduate Program?
2. Why are you qualified to be the inaugural ISJ PhD Graduate Assistant?
3. How will you use a PhD in Food Systems with a focus in Social Justice in your future career?

Statements of Interest should be no more than two pages. Please address any application questions to [foodgrad@uvm.edu](mailto:foodgrad@uvm.edu).

Applications will be reviewed after January 15, 2021, and we will interview candidates in late January. A decision will be made by February 15, 2021.