

## **Stephen and Beverly Rubenstein Professorship in Environment and Natural Resources**

In 2003, Stephen and Beverly Rubenstein made a \$15 million commitment to support environmental education and research at the University of Vermont. The gift resulted in the renaming of the School of Natural Resources as the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. One component of the gift was the creation of the Stephen and Beverly Rubenstein Professorship in Environment and Natural Resources. This position will be awarded to tenure track, research, and extension faculty at the level of associate professor or above. Faculty with primary appointments in the Rubenstein School are eligible. The Professorship will be awarded on a rotating basis, with the goal of making significant contributions to the strategic priorities of the School and the University.

The Rubenstein Professorship is designed to provide time and resources for RSENR faculty to address curricular transformation and/or integrative research that bridges to community partners and involves graduate and undergraduate students. The Rubenstein Professor will receive a two-course equivalent teaching release per year, partial summer support, and a small operating budget to support their work. We anticipate that recipients will hold this position for two to three years.

### **Application process:**

Faculty can apply for the position with a 3 page proposal addressing the following:

- 1) Scope of the proposed work and value to the Rubenstein School
- 2) Relevance to the Rubenstein School's mission and strategic priorities
- 3) Contributions to curricular transformation and/or integrative research
- 4) Specific deliverables for the Rubenstein School
- 5) Scholarly work to be produced
- 6) Relevance to the mission of UVM
- 7) Additional resources necessary and justification
- 8) Timeline for the proposed work

Faculty should also include a copy of their current CV with the application.

### **Selection process:**

Proposals will be evaluated on innovation, probability for success in the time frame, fit with the School and University missions, potential to leverage additional funding, and ability to position the School in a leadership position in the area addressed in the proposal. Faculty should have an

outstanding record of teaching, scholarship and service in the 3-5 years prior to submitting their application.

Proposals will be evaluated by an ad hoc committee of RSENr voting faculty appointed by the Dean. The committee will include faculty at a variety of ranks; only faculty not submitting applications will be part of the committee. The Dean will make a recommendation to the Provost who will sign off on the final decision.

Finalists for the Rubenstein Professorship will be asked to give a presentation to the Rubenstein School community at the beginning of their term outlining their proposal, followed by annual presentations to the community highlighting the year's accomplishments. Within three months of the end of the term, the Rubenstein Professor will provide a final report to the Dean that outlines the accomplishments.