



# UNH Sustainability Institute

## Sustainability Fellowship NH Sustainable Food Access Manchester, NH

The [New Hampshire Food Bank](#) serves the state of New Hampshire through food distribution and unique outreach programs. Our food distribution work involves partnering with more than 400 agencies across the state such as food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, children's programs, senior centers and more. Our innovative outreach programs are designed to fight the root causes of hunger by empowering people to learn new skills, enabling them to become more self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. Programs include Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters®, the NH Nutrition Incentives Network, a culinary job training program, SNAP outreach, and a production garden.

The NH Sustainable Food Access Fellow will be asked to work with two specific outreach programs—Cooking Matters and the Granite State Market Match—to develop and execute assessments of how to better connect potential participants to the programs. The goal of conducting these statewide assessments is to help the NH Food Bank reach more people with the resources available.

Specifically, assessment of these two programs will entail the following:

### Cooking Matters:

- Utilize community engagement tools to determine best outreach and engagement techniques for potential participant populations.
- Coordinate and execute facilitated dialogue sessions in multiple counties.
- Determine limiting and driving factors in program participation.
- Remodel best practices for adult and family participant recruitment in respective counties including best scheduling methods.

### Granite State Market Match:

- Develop surveys for Market Match participants to determine form of communication participants learned of the program.
- Formulate delivery method for survey to be utilized across statewide markets.
- Train market match providers and attend market's to establish survey delivery.
- Analyze survey data to change and strengthen advertisement methods to reach potential market match participants.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the methods being used at the statewide level to link those at risk of hunger to resources and programs needed to end hunger in a sustainable way, as well as experience in the field of grant-funded programs working with vulnerable populations. The Fellow will gain experience in Conducting facilitated discussions with diverse community members. In addition, the Fellow will have the satisfaction of doing work that will have a direct impact on furthering the mission of the NH Food Bank, to provide sustainable avenues to ending hunger.

**Location:** Manchester, NH

**Time commitment:** 40 hours per week, June 5-August 18, 2017

**Compensation:** \$6000 stipend

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Deep commitment to addressing the problems of hunger and poverty in the community.
- Experience working with low-income populations beneficial.
- Background and experience with survey research methods.
- Exceptional interpersonal communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of techniques for program development and evaluation.
- Knowledge of what hunger in America looks like.
- A strong desire to work with limited resource audiences.

**UNHSI Sustainability program eligibility:**

Graduate students, exceptional undergraduate students, and recent graduates are eligible. We will encourage, but not require, an academic sponsor or reference for each fellow, and where possible we will ask that course credits are awarded.

**Supervision, Training, Mentoring and Evaluation**

This fellow will receive supervision from NH Food Bank Director Helen Costello, as well as mentoring and extensive professional development offerings from UNHSI.

Fellows will be expected to participate in three MANDATORY events:

- A three-day, two-night orientation in Durham, NH, May 31<sup>st</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lodging and food are provided; Fellows are responsible for any associated travel costs.
- Midterm project presentations to UNHSI staff, faculty and relevant project partners (can be done remotely).
- A summative evaluation and feedback session at the end of their placement.

**Apply by February 17<sup>th</sup>** at [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellows](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellows)