



UNH Sustainability Institute

Sustainability Fellowship **Sustainable Food System Documentaries** Food Solutions New England / New Hampshire Food Alliance Durham, NH

About the Sustainability Fellows Program:

UNH Sustainability Fellowships pair exceptional students from across the U.S. with municipal, educational, corporate, and non-profit partners in New England to work on transformative sustainability initiatives each summer. Sustainability Fellows undertake challenging projects that are designed to create an immediate impact, offer a quality learning experience, and foster meaningful collaboration. Fellows work on-site with their mentors at partner organizations for 10 weeks, supported by a network of Fellows, partners, alumni, and the UNH Team. Graduate students, exceptional undergraduate students, and recent graduates from any accredited college or university are eligible to apply.

A detailed description of one Fellowship follows. To learn more about the other Fellowships offered this year, and for application instructions, see:

www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellows.

About the Fellowship:

The purpose of this fellowship is to create a collection of quality unprocessed images, video and audio documentation from around the region and produce some finished video and/or audio collateral to advance the work of Food Solutions New England and the NH Food Alliance. Both organizations (one regional and one statewide) both seek to transform our local food system over the coming years into a robust, healthy and just food economy. Working in collaboration with Sustainability Institute staff and regional partners, the fellow will interview and film, photograph, and/or record key partners across New England, edit for usable content, and develop messaging and outreach tools in collaboration with project staff. There will be some amount of car travel as well as time in the office organizing logistics and processing the documentary materials.

Outcomes:

- At least one 2-3 minute brief video and/or 2 20-30 minute podcasts for NHFA and/or FSNE.
- A set of 12 or more high quality photographs.
- A set of 10-12 completed interviews, either with unprocessed video footage or transcribed audio for future use.
- Experience of developing effective key messages and outreach tools in support of sustainable and just food systems.

Impact:

The documentation created will also be used by Sustainability Institute staff after the fellowship to create additional communications materials. Developed products will be used to help build a more equitable state and regional food system. The project will focus on making parts of our food system more visible in a way that is consistent with our values and will include documenting the work of farmers, farm workers, fishermen, food chain workers, cooks, gardeners, and others. Experience and skills gained will include documentary methods, sustainable food system networking, interview skills, video and/or audio production skills. There will also be capacity-building around key concepts like narrative framing and messaging for systems change.

Desired Qualifications:

- Some documentary studies experience
- Photography
- Interviewing skills
- Video and audio documenting and editing
- Narrative and message development
- Written & verbal communications
- Marketing and PR
- Logistics (planning, coordinating & traveling to documentation sites)
- Ability to travel by car to subject locations around New England (vehicle not provided, mileage reimbursed)

Work Location: UNH Sustainability Institute, University of New Hampshire, 131 Main Street, Nesmith 107, Durham, NH

Mentors: Lisa Fernandes (FSNE Communications Director) and Jennifer Wilhelm (NHFA), both based at the UNH Sustainability Institute.

Compensation: \$6500 summer stipend
(taxable and paid on a two-week payroll cycle over the course of the fellowship term)

Expectations:

Fellows are expected to be primarily dedicated to their assigned projects throughout the summer, and also participate in a variety of networking activities, professional development opportunities, and presentations coordinated by UNHSI. Specifically, Fellows are expected to:

- Attend a mandatory orientation at UNH prior to the start of the fellowship term, **May 28-30, 2019**. (Travel scholarships may be available for students traveling from outside New England.)
- Work full-time on-site at the partner organization for 10 weeks, for a total of 400 hours, **June 3 - August 16, 2019** (an eleven-week period, allowing for one week off, as mutually agreed upon with supervisor).
- Complete a fellowship project according to the work plan (with adjustments as necessary).
- Participate in weekly webinars or advisory group meetings.

- Present work at mid-term and final poster sessions at UNH on **July 12** and **August 9**. (Travel support available.)
- Engage in additional professional development, networking, and advisory activities as offered.
- Provide and receive feedback at the end of the fellowship.

Apply by February 7 at www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellows.

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