



The Sustainability
Institute

Sustainability Fellowship
**Food Solutions New England (FSNE): The State of Campus
Sustainability – Food Systems**
Durham, NH

Campuses across the U.S. have been investing significant resources in “leading by example” on many aspects of sustainability. UNH’s 2016 report (co-produced with Sightlines LLC.), “[The State of Sustainability in Higher Education: Emissions Trends, Consumption Metrics and Strategies for Success](#)” looks at one example of that leadership, in the energy and food arena. As the backbone organization for Food Solutions New England (see www.foodsolutionsne.org), UNH is particularly interested in understanding another aspect of campus sustainability leadership: namely, the ways in which colleges and universities are helping to drive a shift toward more sustainable, resilient regional food systems.

We know that in New England, Michigan, Ohio, California, and Texas, just to name a few, campus staff and researchers are leading, and collaborating, on creating systemic change in their local food systems. FSNE seeks a Sustainability fellow to work with our backbone staff and network members to research and create a report or series of case studies to highlight the unique features, successes and challenges of these efforts, to be included as part of UNHSI's broader "State of Campus Sustainability" series.

Through interviews, desk research, surveys, and other methods as needed. The Fellow will provide an aggregated snapshot of the various campus-led or -supported food system sustainability initiatives across the U.S.—including the models they are using, the resources they require, their successes and challenges—especially in regards to questions of successful network building, social justice, and collective impact. The final document should not only tell the stories of these collaborative regional efforts, but provide a set of potential recommendations for policy-makers, funders and advocates.

By the end of the summer, the Fellow will have developed a robust understanding of the role higher education is playing in driving progress toward food systems change; built relationships within a national network of sustainable food systems advocates and experts; and produced materials that can not only be added to a professional portfolio, but which will be used by those working to support implementation of just, resilient, sustainable regional food systems.

Location: Durham, NH

Time commitment: 40 hours per week, June 6-August 19, 2016

Compensation: \$6000 stipend

Desired Qualifications:

- Enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate degree program: ideally in outreach and communications, journalism, sustainability or sustainable food systems, public health, public policy or administration, regional planning, or a related field.
- Extremely strong written and oral communications skills
- Proficiency with analysis and systems mapping
- Demonstrated experience in producing compelling reports, case studies
- Interviewing experience helpful
- Familiarity with the concepts of building networks for collective impact extremely helpful

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 day-to-day supervision from UNHSI and FSNE staff, as well as formal mentoring and professional development offerings from UNHSI.

Fellows will be expected to participate in three MANDATORY events:

- A three-day, two-night orientation in Durham, NH, June 1-3rd. 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 23rd at <http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellowships-application>