

## OUR "FRONT DOOR" IS OPEN

In 2020, Governor Phil Scott issued a challenge to boost Vermont's workforce development, retention, and growth. UVM's new **Office of Engagement** is here to make that happen. Thanks to funding from the state legislature, the **OOE** is enhancing access to service-learning, entrepreneurship, volunteering, and distance education opportunities. Grant support for COVID-19 projects is helping communities throughout the state. And small business opportunities are bringing research technologies for the lab to the economy. With more than 345 partner contacts since September 2020, UVM's Office of Engagement is up to the challenge.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**382**

**PAID INTERNSHIPS  
POSTED BY VERMONT-BASED  
ORGANIZATIONS IN 2019 & 2020**

UVM has also launched a new micro-internship initiative to give employers and students a new way to collaborate on short-term projects.

**14**

**NEW TECH INITIATIVES  
THRU THE SBIR/STTR  
BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

**35,098**

**ALUMNI  
LIVE AND WORK IN VERMONT**  
68.1% of in-state students and  
32.2% of out-of-state students  
stay in Vermont for full-time  
employment after graduation.

**330**

**VERMONT ENTREPRENEURS  
PARTICIPATING IN  
MONTHLY E-FORUMS**

UVM faculty and students are critical members of Vermont's burgeoning entrepreneurial ecosystem.

### APPLIED RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**177+**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
COLLABORATING WITH UVM  
FACULTY IN SERVICE-LEARNING**

44% of 2020 graduates report taking at least one service-learning course during their time at UVM.

**144,000**

**HOURS  
OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICE BY STUDENTS**

Student-led organizations impact communities through Adaptive Sports, Animal Rescue, Alternative Spring Break, Big Buddies, Club AFFECT, DREAM, ESL, and Food Salvage.

**\$22,941,893**

**IN NEW FUNDING  
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

UVM Researchers secured **71 grants** and contracts for public service in critical sectors such as education, transportation, health, environmental conservation, and labor.

### SERVICES FOR VERMONTERS

**30,608**

**VERMONTERS  
DIRECTLY ENGAGED  
WITH UVM EDUCATORS**

UVM Extension held a total of **7,583** events, activities, and projects for Vermont communities in 2019-20 across all 14 counties.

**2,458**

**ADULT LEARNERS  
IN CONTINUING AND  
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

COVID-19 highlighted the importance of non-traditional learning pathways as part of a holistic community resilience strategy.

**24,000+**

**PAGE VIEWS  
GENERATED BY UVM'S  
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE**

Student reporters have contributed **200+ stories** via UVM's Reporting and Documentary Storytelling program, a student-powered partnership with 10 local news publications around the state.

### KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND DATA CENTER

UVM researchers, supported by the Office of Engagement and the Center for Rural Studies, are developing an economic development data platform to answer critical questions facing Vermont's rural communities post-COVID-19.

This will provide timely and forward-looking economic forecasting capacity.

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