Research Partnerships with UVM

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Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships

Mission:

The Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships will operate alongside the Office of Engagement with the mission to build collaborations between the University of Vermont and state partners for the benefit of our rural places.

We envision a Vermont where all communities can thrive.









United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Key Functions: Partnerships and Engagement

Capacity Grants

- \$10k grants
- Support for future partnership arant proposals

Partnership Grants

- •\$10-250k grants
- Supports
 partnership-driven
 rural development
 projects

Data Services

Partnerships for Rural Capacity

Student Engagement for a Resilient VT

Community Resilience Summer Internship Program





Partnering with UVM to Address Rural Challenges

- Internships and co-ops
- Service-learning courses
- Community-engaged learning courses

Student Engagement

Faculty Research

- Collaborative research
- Use of existing research/data
- Graduate research projects

- Partnership opportunities
- Fee-for-service research
- Access to existing expertise and programming

Centers and Institutes



Example: Rural Collaboration Network and Assessment

UVM partner: Center for Rural Studies

Community partner: VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Goal: This project aims to enhance Vermont's rural communities by strengthening the effectiveness and accessibility of technical assistance provided to municipalities.

Objectives:

Provide recommendations to the existing

system in VT that will address challenges related to limited capacity, aging infrastructure, economic decline, and access to resources by developing an improved TA delivery model.

 Empower VT's rural communities to better meet state and federal mandates, recover from climate-related impacts, and pursue sustainable development via comparative analysis and stakeholder input



Thank you

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