



Paid Internship with the UVM Center on Aging to Support the Age-Friendly University Initiative

Background

This internship is designed to provide hands-on learning in project development, implementation, and community outreach to support the UVM [Age Friendly University initiative](#). UVM is a member of the [Age-Friendly University Global Network](#). This global network is structured upon 10 Age-Friendly University Principles that provide a framework to guide UVM in developing innovative opportunities in teaching, research, and community engagement. Of particular interest is expanding intergenerational opportunities between UVM students and older adults within our local community and beyond.

The year-long internship will provide opportunities to develop skills in project planning, communication, networking, interviews, community engagement, and promotion/marketing skills. The intern will be supported by a team of staff and faculty within the Center on Aging who are skilled in project planning and community outreach. The UVM Center on Aging is leading the UVM Age-Friendly Initiative.

Internship Responsibilities:

- Develop an understanding of Age-Friendly University (AFU) principles.
- Lead in mapping which AFU principles UVM currently accomplishes and identify potential areas for growth.
- Present the AFU initiative and its mission to various stakeholders at UVM including faculty, staff, students, retired teachers/staff, and administration.
- Present the AFU initiative and its mission to various community stakeholders including community older adults, organizations serving older adults, retired living facilities, and the Burlington Aging Council, among others. Engage the external community in discussion related to issues impacting older Vermonters and how the UVM Community and Center on Aging can assist.
- Learn how the UVM Center on Aging Advisory Board functions and can lead efforts to generate new connections, opportunities, and knowledge at the university level.
- Inventory age-friendly courses (and activities within courses) as well as projects happening on campus that support the AFU initiative. Assist in ensuring course inventories are electronically formatted and accessible.
- Assisting with planning a meeting of the Center on Aging Advisory Board—to include several members of the wider community -- to determine the focus of UVM's Age-Friendly efforts.
- As time permits, the intern may support a separate, faculty-led project sponsored by the UVM Center on Aging. The project is a National Photo Competition on the theme: "Life Over 80 - What Life Means to me Now."

Available Training Includes

Mentoring on Age-Friendly practices.

Developing an understanding of ageism and ways to promote equitable treatment of older adults.

Access to an AFU Toolkit and examples of work done at other Age-Friendly Universities.

Desired Competencies and Knowledge

- Current Graduate Student with a focus in community development, public administration, social work, public health, healthcare, or a specific area that addresses the needs, interests, and opportunities for older adults.
- Ability to work independently with direction and supervision from a small staff and faculty team.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint and other software.
- Solid oral and written communication skills.
- Interest in engaging with various stakeholders within UVM and within the broader community.
- Experience in event organizing and promotion desired, but not required.
- Communication skills to interact comfortably with faculty in different disciplines and colleges within UVM.
- Organizational skills to track responses and data gathered from faculty.
- Understanding of the current challenges facing older adults and interest in establishing programs/initiatives that will support their overall health and wellbeing.

More Details and How to Apply

Position will be hybrid, combining in-person and remote work.

Minimum of 4 hours per week with additional hours possible.

Hourly rate will be \$18.

Start Date will be late February, 2023 with work ending on December 15, 2023.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to aging@uvm.edu with "AFU Intern" in the subject line. Questions? Contact Janet.Nunziata@med.uvm.edu

