

## Assistantships

## Burlington, Vermont

Assistantship placements represent a wide array of employment opportunities and provide a stipend and tuition benefits. The longevity of the program and deep ties within the University mean that HESA students are a familiar and welcomed presence throughout the University and local campuses.

### Multiple assistantship opportunities are available in the following offices

- MOSAIC Center for students of Color
- Center for Cultural Pluralism
- College of Education and Social Services
- Honors College
- Residential Life
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment Management

For more information about graduate assistantships or to apply, visit our website: <http://uvm.edu/~saffairs/ga>



*Nakiya Findley '15, Assistant Residence Director  
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Burlington is revered for its arts, healthy and sustainable lifestyle and outdoor fun by sources ranging from *The Princeton Review* to *The New York Times*. *Travel and Leisure* magazine recently rated Burlington as America's Best College Town. The city is often noted as one of the most livable cities in the U.S.

Residents of Burlington and Vermont place a high value on leading the country in progressive approaches to government and community.

- Vermont led the country by legislating the first civil unions in the U.S.
- The state is leading the effort to establish health care for all citizens.
- As a refugee resettlement community, Burlington has welcomed refugees from Bosnia, Somalia, Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and other countries.

Nestled in the Champlain Valley between the Adirondacks and Green Mountains, Burlington and Vermont offer a wide variety of outdoor activities including hiking, alpine and cross-country skiing, biking, watersports, and adventuring amid the beautiful people and countryside that is the Green Mountain State.



*"Burlington is a beautiful place to live, especially the waterfront with the backdrop of the New York Mountains. Fall foliage was also new for me, but it was definitely my favorite time of the year!"*

—Lian Boos '16

# Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration Graduate Program and Assistantships



The University of Vermont  
College of Education and Social Services

# We/COme

Thank you for your interest in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) masters graduate program at the University of Vermont (UVM). We are proud of our renown reputation of the HESA program and welcome the opportunity to share information about graduate study at UVM.

A hallmark of success in the HESA program is the close relationship between the academic program and the Division of Student Affairs. This collaborative relationship mirrors the educationally rich connections between student and academic life on campus and provides fertile ground for growing theory to practice applications.

*The Vermont Connection* is a term that characterizes our community within the University and HESA program. Reflecting both the name of the student-managed journal and the bonds connecting our network of alumni, friends, and partners, "The Vermont Connection" is an important part of HESA students' success.

As you learn about the HESA program and the Division of Student Affairs, please make note of the ways that we have committed ourselves to the values and goals of social justice. Social justice is intricately woven into the professional, administrative, and academic programs at UVM.

We welcome you into our community and invite you to work and study with us.

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## HESA Academic Program

UVM's HESA curriculum is aligned with the *Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners* endorsed by ACPA and NASPA. During the HESA program, the core curriculum and professional practice opportunities combine theory and practice in a challenging and professionally rewarding learning environment.

The small cohort size encourages strong and enduring relationships among students, faculty, and professional staff. Students can complete the program by attending full or part-time.

The stimulating curriculum includes:

- Student Affairs Foundations & Functions
- Social Justice & Inclusion
- (Un)Changing Academy
- Helping Skills in Student Affairs
- College Students in America
- Student Development Theory
- Program Evaluation & Assessment
- Controversies of the Academy
- Legal Issues
- Higher Educ. Administration and Organization
- Practica internships (3)
- Capstone Seminar

## Practica Internships

During the 40 credit hour HESA curriculum, students participate in 3 different practica internships at sites of their choosing. Practica are offered at over 50 administrative office sites and encompass a wide range of higher education and student affairs areas. While earning 2 credits in each semester-long practica, HESA students benefit from close mentoring relationships with supervisors. The practica internships are coordinated by a HESA faculty member in collaboration with a site supervisor.

*'As a practica intern in the Dean of Students Office, I am developing a Family Advocacy Training program and identifying best practices for family-university communications. From the beginning, Nick has served as an inspiration to me as a Man of Color and a student affairs professional. When I talk to him, I feel welcomed and empowered because this practicum allows me to be an active participant in senior leadership meetings, while maintaining my autonomy as a graduate student.'*

-Daniel Fairley II '16



Nick Negrete '06 and Daniel Fairley, II '16

For more information about HESA's academic program  
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