

OUR CHALLENGE

With a constantly changing media landscape, including the closing of many local news sources across the country, there has been a major shift in the way people connect with each other and learn about their communities. Public media must ensure that it is serving and relevant to the generations inheriting our world.

In order to do this, **Vermont Public is launching a program to train the next generation of reporters in partnership with the University of Vermont and its Community News Center.**

Vermont Public can be a major platform for helping bring more voices and perspectives to civic discourse. We want to engage with and build a bridge to the next generation of community and civic leaders.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

With our student reporters and interns, the Vermont Public audience will be exposed to stories important to young people that reflect their hopes, dreams, fears, concerns and ambitions, giving voice to America's future leaders. The values of public media will be applied to their internships, and they will be trained by our staff of local experts.

Vermont Public benefits from airing their voices and perspectives. Learning from the students about how they view the world and its challenges will help us do a better job representing a broader portion of society and addressing their needs.



“My internship experience at Vermont Public as a UVM student was invaluable. I was not only allowed – but encouraged – to pursue the ideas I was interested in. I got to hone in on my audio editing skills, mixing my own episodes and finding expression and creativity through that medium.”

MAE NAGUSKY

INTERN WITH *BRAVE LITTLE STATE*, 2022–2023

Program Highlights

UVM and Vermont Public are partnering to promote hands-on learning opportunities for students in all aspects of a media organization.

With Vermont Public as their training ground, the next generation of public media professionals and journalists will:



Work alongside an award winning staff of experts in their fields.



Have an opportunity to inform and engage communities in the most important issues of our time.



Help elevate local news coverage and storytelling in the national conversation.



My internship with Vermont Public has prepared me to enter the world of audio journalism with a diverse set of skills, a strong portfolio of audio work, and a sense of confidence as I begin the post-college job search."

JOIA PUTNOI

NEWSROOM INTERN, 2022-2023

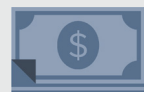
Vermont Public will contribute \$62,500 a year to this program, totaling \$250,000 over four years.

Your gift will help ensure student interns are ready to maximize this unique opportunity by providing funds for:

Up to 20 interns over four years



Faculty position & paid internship stipends



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