



University of Vermont Gund Institute for Environment

Funded PhD Opportunities

The [Gund Institute for Environment](#) at the [University of Vermont](#) (UVM) seeks exceptional PhD applicants to conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges beginning in fall 2026. Applications are due Jan. 6, 2026.

The Gund Institute is a research center dedicated to understanding and tackling the world's most critical environmental challenges, where 300 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems.

Driven by the belief that research should inspire action, we explore environmental issues at the interface of five pressing research themes—climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and equity and justice—in partnership with government, industry, and broader society.

Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$37,000, plus tuition. All students are eligible for health insurance and additional funds for conference travel and research costs. These assistantships are for individuals who have not yet started their PhDs.

For more details and application instructions, please see [this webpage](#).

Students who are interested in the [Leadership for the Ecozoic \(L4E\)](#) initiative are encouraged to apply to both the Gund and L4E.

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