The liberal arts and sciences have never been more important. Today’s students are preparing for jobs that don’t yet exist, that will use technology that has yet to be invented. To be ready for this uncertain future, students must be intellectually nimble. They must be skilled critical thinkers, problem solvers and persuasive communicators. They must be able to integrate information from a wide array of fields.

This is the kind of education we provide in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

*Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont* presents the college with an opportunity to excel in delivering this broad-based education. The campaign will strengthen student scholarships and faculty support as well as programs that develop students as the thoughtful professionals and responsible citizens needed to tackle society’s most pressing challenges. Join us.

Over the last five years, 20 CAS students have been named Fulbright Scholars. CAS has also produced one Beinecke Scholar, four Boren Scholars, three Goldwater Scholars and two Udall Scholars.
Investing in Arts and Sciences

Alumni of Note

Jon Kilik ’78, film producer (Foxcatcher, The Hunger Games, Dead Man Walking)

Eric Lipton ’87, New York Times journalist and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes

Sara Fisher ’10, co-founder of Spark MicroGrants who made the Forbes Magazine 2015 “30 under 30 Social Entrepreneurs” list

Noteworthy Faculty Awards

Guggenheim Fellowship
Major Jackson, English

National Science Foundation Director’s Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars
Paul Bierman, Geology

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship
Rory Waterman, Chemistry

The College of Arts and Sciences touches every UVM undergraduate. We’re deeply engaged with students in our 48 majors, and we’re responsible for the education of all UVM undergraduates through the general education program. Here, innovative offerings like TAP (Teacher-Advisor Program) set us apart. TAP is a writing-intensive elective program for first-year students that combines an interactive course environment with careful academic advising. Since its introduction, it’s shown promise in improving students’ academic experience and retention.

This is the kind of innovation we want to support through the campaign. We also want to attract the very best students to UVM, engage more students in research opportunities and encourage faculty excellence that balances teaching and research.

This is an ambitious vision, one that will require substantial investment. This is why we have launched Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont. And this is why we now look to you — alumni, parents and friends — to stand with us as we move mountains.
Undergraduate Scholarships: $12 million

In the College of Arts and Sciences, the largest of all of UVM’s colleges, students gain the knowledge and skills they need for rewarding careers and effective citizenship. Our graduates go on to advance the greater good at home and around the globe; they also work on Wall Street, in Silicon Valley and all points in between in industries that drive our economy.

All of this is meaningless, however, if students can’t attend UVM in the first place. That’s why expanding scholarships in all forms is one of the campaign’s major priorities.

A college education is an investment in the future of students, families and society at large. Recent years, however, have witnessed growing financial pressure, with families worrying that the cost of a college education is beyond their means. Through this campaign, we aim to increase endowment for all
kinds of scholarships — need-based, merit and diversity — to attract more talented students.

**Graduate Scholarships & Fellowships: $10 million**
The college’s graduate programs are a destination for students who have already demonstrated their academic competence in specific disciplines. Through the campaign, we hope to increase funding to provide more fellowships to attract top graduate students to UVM and support the development of innovative new programs, such as an MFA in creative writing and a Ph.D. in physics.

**Research & Creative Activities: $3 million**
Through the campaign, we want to make sure more students can access high-impact learning experiences by creating endowed funds to support them. These high-impact experiences include research fellowships, where students work alongside faculty mentors on in-depth research projects. Campaign funds could furnish needed supplies as well as stipends to encourage more young scholars to engage in these projects. Funds could also support travel necessary for students and faculty to conduct research, pursue creative activities, present research findings or exhibit art.

**Student Success: $2.6 million**
Our charge from the state of Vermont is to produce graduates who are ready for the workforce. Internships are invaluable in this quest because they expose students to different work settings and jobs. Through this campaign, our hope is to provide stipends to allow more students to take advantage of these learning opportunities and to help students present their UVM experiences in compelling ways to potential employers.
I find my voice.

“I was totally unaware of what was possible,” says Vermont native Alexandria Hall ’15, an aspiring poet and a first-generation college student. “Being here, being active and engaged, has opened up so many opportunities.” Hall has served as a research assistant to Major Jackson, a poet and Guggenheim Fellow at UVM. Encouraged by him and other faculty members, Hall has produced poetry and been invited to read her work in Vermont and in New York City. She’s also the first UVM student to be awarded the coveted Beinecke Scholarship, a nationally competitive award supporting students who show great promise in the humanities. Hall will use the award to pursue a master’s in fine arts at New York University.
Elevating Faculty & Programs, Expanding Facilities

Endowed Chairs & Professorships: $30 million
Outstanding faculty create an outstanding learning environment. In order to foster this environment at UVM, the college needs more endowed chairs and professorships. Such positions provide honor and recognition for the men and women who hold them — and give UVM a powerful tool to recruit and retain eminent faculty.

Endowed positions are sought after because they provide a dependable source of income to advance faculty research as well as to support teaching and service to the community. Competition for the best available teachers and researchers is acute; the additional support and recognition accompanying an endowed chair or professorship will give the college a valuable edge.

Academic Programs: $2.4 million
As knowledge expands across disciplines, our students and faculty must keep pace. Philanthropic investments in academic programs in the college will help do just that. For example, private gifts will help us strengthen our existing Teacher-Scholar Training Program, which helps new faculty hone their teaching skills, thus enhancing our students’ learning experience. The college also proposes to develop a flight of interdisciplinary
courses that encourage integrated inquiry — for example, combining geography with history, or biology with anthropology — to more fully prepare students to work and live in an increasingly complex and interrelated world.

**Expanding Facilities:**

**$5.6 million**

Campaign funds will help construct or renovate a number of College of Arts and Sciences facilities, including:

- Transforming the former Elihu B. Taft School into new studio and exhibit space for the Department of Art and Art History
- Installing new seating and flooring in Royall Tyler Theatre and upgrading lighting and projection capabilities

**STEM and the College of Arts and Sciences**

A keystone of the campaign and UVM’s future as a 21st-century research university is the largest-ever facilities expansion at UVM: two new buildings encompassing more than 250,000 square feet of classrooms, labs, research facilities and collaborative spaces to serve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students, faculty and programs. Once completed, the STEM Complex will provide UVM with the infrastructure required to continue innovating in these fields, produce groundbreaking research and attract the highest-quality students and faculty to UVM. The majority of this unprecedented investment (the STEM Complex’s $104-million project cost includes a goal of $26 million in non-debt and philanthropic support) will completely replace antiquated teaching and research laboratories and classrooms for chemistry and physics and will add a new teaching laboratory for biology.

“This IS WHERE I can take my research into the community. I’ve been able to do this with my study of the benefits of physical activity in young children at risk for ADHD. This has happened with the help of students and active partnerships with elementary schools in Chittenden County.”

— Professor Betsy Hoza holds the endowed Bishop Robert F. Joyce Professorship in Human Development.
The College of Arts and Sciences is ready. There’s an excitement on campus with facilities under construction, strong enrollment and new interdisciplinary programs. The time is right to launch the projects outlined here and secure The University of Vermont’s reputation as one of the nation’s top public research universities.

*Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont* presents the College of Arts and Sciences with an extraordinary opportunity to build on this momentum and invest in initiatives that will propel our college into the future. Already, support from alumni, parents and friends is transforming tomorrow’s vision into today’s reality.

Now, we need your help. Together, we can succeed in this campaign, which will strengthen our college and its ability to help students achieve their dreams, faculty become exceptional educators and our programs grow to meet evolving needs locally, nationally and globally. Together, we will *move mountains.*

For more details about any of these giving opportunities, contact:

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“**THIS IS WHERE** faculty get up every day knowing we’re working in the best, most stimulating environment that inspires us to be at the top of our game in the classroom, in our scholarly pursuits and in our involvement in the community. This is a place of possibilities.”

— Luis Vivanco is a professor of anthropology and co-director of the Humanities Center.
Our Mission

The College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Vermont welcomes difference, values collaboration, encourages debate and stands for integrity, service and academic excellence. We are dedicated to the rigorous pursuit, understanding and dissemination of knowledge through the process of discovery, the creation of art and the practice of teaching. We provide an integrated and engaging multidisciplinary experience that generates creativity, critical thought, effective communication and a practiced commitment to serve the pressing needs of society and the natural world.
The time has come for UVM to assert our position as one of the nation’s best public research universities. Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont nurtures a culture of excellence and value and supports new opportunities for research, academic success and learning beyond the classroom. We will raise $500 million in private support to ensure that UVM is where we indeed move mountains — through the students we educate, the discoveries we make and the positive impact we have on Vermont and the world.