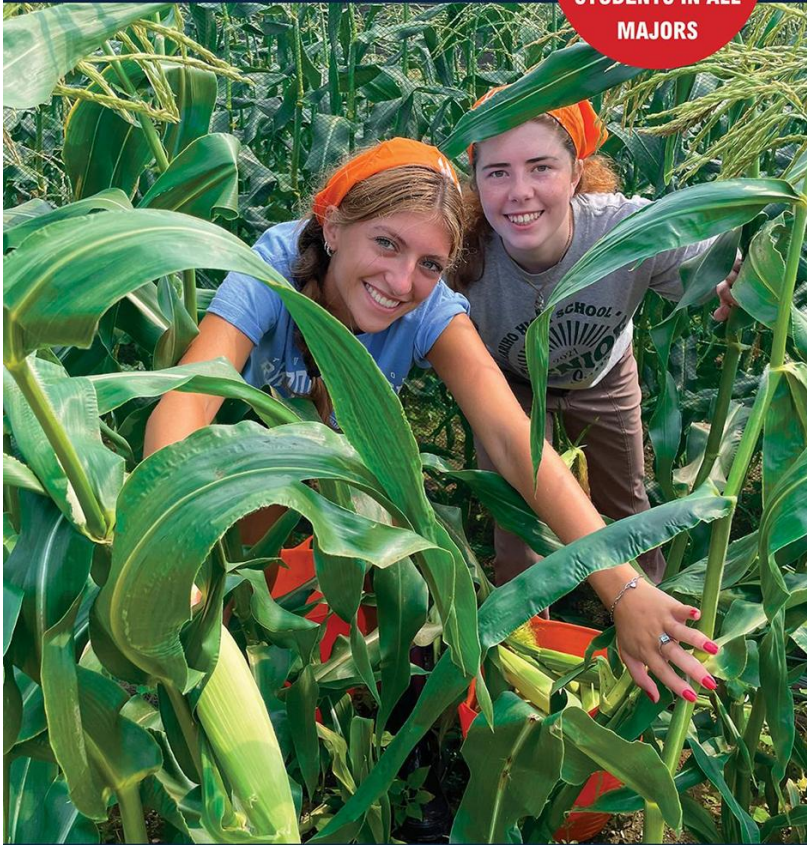


Agriculture and Food Systems Fellows Program

Earn course credit and get paid to work with professionals to strengthen the local food system.

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Environmental Management Fellows Program

In Partnership With the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)



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ENERGY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Get paid to work alongside professionals on real-world energy and sustainability issues.

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URI Cooperative Extension staff

“Cooperative Extension provides non-formal education and learning opportunities to people throughout the United States—serving farmers and rural communities as well as those in urban areas.

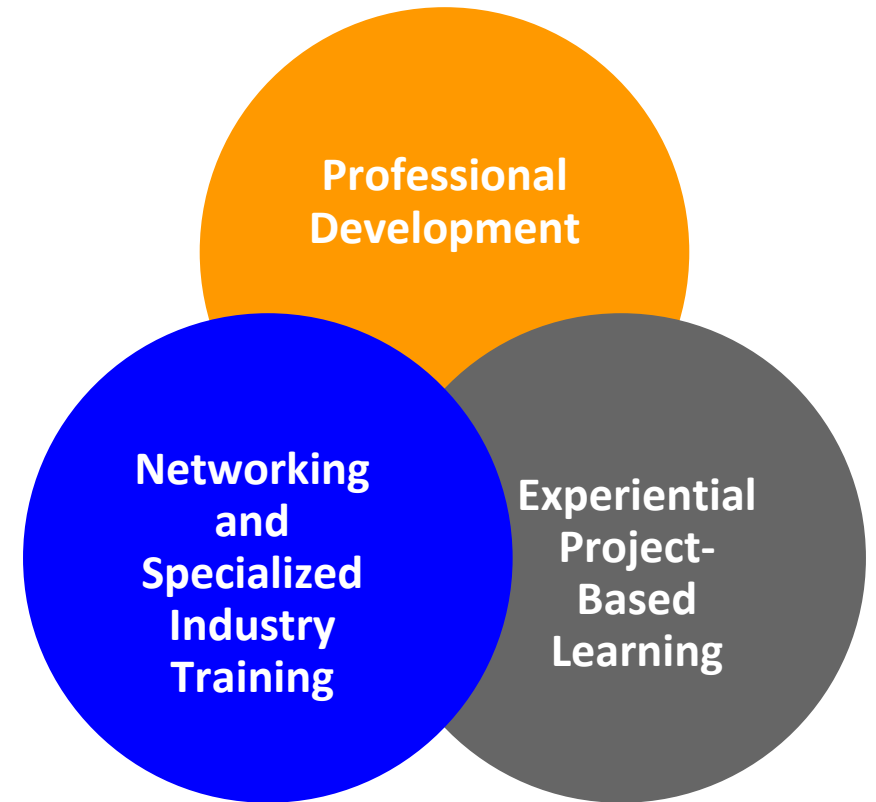
In Rhode Island, we strive to reach every corner of the state, delivering science-based information through our educational programs and services to help people make informed decisions in their daily lives.”

What is a Cooperative Extension Fellowship?

Designed for students in all academic programs interested in career exploration in Energy, Agriculture and the Food System or Environmental Management.

Three main components:

1. **PAID**, full-year (February-December) internship with a professional mentor at a nonprofit organization, government agency, advocacy organization, academic institution, etc.
2. **Three academic credits for soft skill and professional development** through a Leadership and Professional Skills course (ITR 301)
3. **A 30+ hour Summer Industry Training** and curated networking opportunities to experience the breadth of the industry



A Selection of our Mentor Partners



The Nature Conservancy



SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST



Audubon Society
of Rhode Island



Summer Industry Training



Summer Industry Training



Our Alums Are Changing the World!



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362 connections

Vanessa García Polanco, MS, Simona Trandafir,



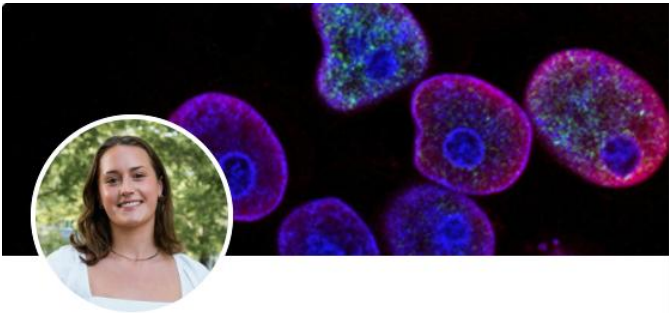
Mike Savage · 1st

Decarbonization Funding

Providence County, Rhode Island, United States ·

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500+ connections



Jenna Salem · 1st

Research Associate at UMass Chan Medical School | BSc in Biological Sciences

Greater Boston · [Contact info](#)

404 connections

Christina Monk, Helena Balbat, and 21 other mutual connections



Lexi Szabo · 1st

MBA Candidate | Intern Associate Project Manager New Construction On-Street Charging Solutions

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Sustainable Agriculture and Regenerative Systems | Ocean Hour Farm

Wakefield, Rhode Island, United States · [Contact info](#)

176 connections

Alissa Cox, Yuvi Alyvé Cambero, and 57 other mutual connections



Ella Zalewsky · 1st

USDA NextGen Scholar 2024-2025; Graduate student in Sustainable Food Systems at Arizona State University

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477 connections

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The Fellowship Timeline

Now-September

Mentor organizations complete the appropriate *Expression of Interest form* for consideration as a 2027 Extension Fellowship placement / mentor.

November - December

Round 1: Eligible students are invited to an in-person interview with URI Cooperative Extension staff on campus;
Round 2: Select students attend a second interview with the mentor organization they've been matched with.
Internship placements are confirmed by January 1.

January - May

The fellowship year begins.
Students take a required online course in Brightspace - *ITR 301* - to help build professional skills and prepare for work on real-world projects with their internship mentor!
Some students start their internship hours in February or March.

May - September

Students are paid to work with their mentor for 500 hours!
All fellows gather weekly to attend fun and engaging *Summer Industry Sessions* - field trips, microlectures and service learning opportunities.

September - December

Students complete their internship hours and shift gears to prepare for their final presentations at the annual College of the Environment and Life Sciences *Research and Extension Fellowship Symposium!*

Interested in joining our workforce development family?

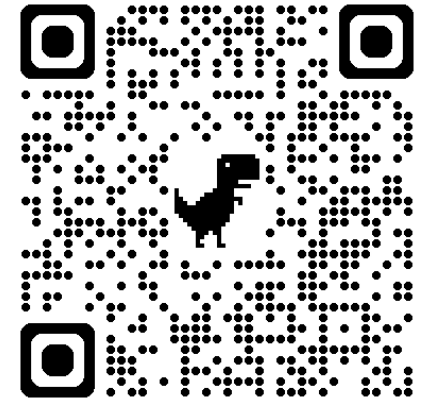
We are seeking mentors for all three fellowship programs. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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Know URI or CCRI students who might be interested?

Send them to URI's or CCRI's Handshake platform!

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