



SPRING 2021 CHANGE GRANT RECIPIENTS

UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program

Exploring Food Insecurity in Vermont During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Margaret Chafouleas '22

Environmental Studies, CLAS; Journalism, CLAS

Mentor: Steven Smith, Journalism

In Vermont, a state that is regarded as having one of the most socially responsible and sustainable food systems, nearly 30 percent of its residents have experienced food insecurity in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Through documentary film, this project will explore food security in Vermont and how the pandemic has affected resident's ability to eat.

Bridging the Gap: Exploring Political Polarization in the UConn Student Body

Musa Hussain '23

Sociology, CLAS

Mentor: Michael Morrell, Political Science

This project will explore political polarization in the UConn student body through a qualitative analysis of students' moral and political understandings of opinions opposing their own. The goal is to understand how students can engage in respectful discourse without compromising political values.

Born out of the UConn Cooperative's commitment to public engagement, innovative entrepreneurship, and active mentorship, the UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship —Change Grants provide undergraduates the opportunity to pursue student-designed or student-led projects that represent the legacy of the UConn Co-op, including service initiatives, creative endeavors, advocacy, engaged research, and social entrepreneurship. Fellows receive up to \$2000 to support project expenses. Applications are accepted twice per year in October and February.

More information on the UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship—Change Grants can be found at ugradresearch.uconn.edu/change

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"Through the Change Grant, I started a club on campus focused on combating educational disadvantages by working with urban middle school students to promote extracurricular opportunities and higher education. The club developed ideas on combating economic inequality, directly engaged students in mentorship programs, and designed and delivered literacy kits to students in Bridgeport, CT through our partnership with the Urban Impact organization."

Cassidy Fawcett, Fall 2019 UConn Co-op Legacy Fellow - Change Grant Recipient
Project: Urban Impact Program: Addressing Economic Inequality in Urban Education