



VT- TREE
Traineeship Program

Student Commitment Statement

A. By accepting admittance into the VT-TREE traineeship program, I,

, understand that I am committing to the following six requirements:

- Completing the required field internship in a behavioral health setting or integrated health setting
 - Successfully completing the MSW or Counseling graduate programs *and* complete a minimum of 2 courses (6 credits) of coursework in trauma, resilience, and equity focused interprofessional collaboration as part of a graduate certificate in Resiliency Based & Trauma Informed Practices: <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/trauma-informed-practices/>
 - Participate in seminars held once per semester
 - Seek employment in second year field placement agency should one become available, be offered & works for you
 - Complete evaluations related to your experience in the VT TREE Program
- B. I understand that if I leave the graduate program or field placement for any reason, stipends will end immediately. In addition, non-compliance with any of the other terms may lead to repayment or discontinuation of stipend support provided through this opportunity.
- C. I understand my stipend will be distributed in multiple payments during my participation in the VT TREE program. I understand that my participation in the VT TREE program begins Summer 2022 and goes until the end of Spring 2023 semester.
- D. I understand that, if I apply for financial aid, this stipend could potentially impact my financial aid award and I understand that I should contact [Student Financial Services](#) if I have any questions regarding my eligibility for financial aid or how the stipend will impact my overall financial aid award offer.
- Federal financial aid policies require that all estimated financial assistance be factored into the overall financial aid award offer. This includes amounts awarded as stipends to support living expenses that are not considered compensation. This is the case with the VT-Tree Stipend. If you apply for Federal Financial Aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the maximum amount of Federal Loan funding you may borrow, if eligible, will be your total Cost of Attendance, less the VT-TREE stipend, if offered to you, and less any other aid you are receiving, which might include tuition remission, outside scholarships, etc. The cost of attendance includes, tuition and fees, in addition to expenses related to housing, meals, books, and personal expenses.

If I have questions or concerns about the commitments stated in this document, I will be able to address these with the Co-PIs, Dr. Christine Velez and/or Dr. Mercedes Avila.

Trainee Name	Trainee Address and email	Trainee Phone Number

Trainee Signature _____ Date _____

Co-PI Signature _____ Date _____