

Partners in Research

An introduction from James Dean and Jan Nisbet

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At the University of New Hampshire, our research and scholarship develop innovative solutions that make a direct, positive impact on peoples' lives here in the Granite State and around the world.

From reviving local fishing industries, building “smarter” highway bridges and supporting combat veterans to protecting vital water resources, UNH prides itself on research that addresses real challenges.

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In these stories, you will: Meet a restaurateur who is supporting an aquaculture research project; see how state transportation officials, the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation are using technology to make highway bridges and ocean energy projects more sustainable; learn how a Vietnam combat veteran finally overcame PTSD through an innovative program of UNH's Northeast Passage; and discover ways that other UNH partnerships are preparing at-risk high school students for college, providing clean drinking water in East Africa and helping a small New Hampshire city protect an important watershed.

This year UNH achieved the "very high research activity" (R1) category of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. We reached this top tier in partnership with national laboratories, state and national agencies and organizations, business and industry and other universities. It's a powerful recognition of how UNH's talented faculty, staff and students achieve tremendous results through our partnerships, and improve lives every day.

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