

Climate Jobs Rhode Island—Policy Researcher
Location: Rhode Island

Climate Jobs Rhode Island seeks a dynamic and passionate full-time policy researcher who will take this innovative project to its next level. The policy researcher will have a chance to help shape the organization from the ground up.

About Climate Jobs Rhode Island

The 2020 election results in Rhode Island demonstrated a growing sentiment among voters for a stronger focus on moving the state towards a Green Economy. In the weeks after the election conversations occurred between labor, environmental, and political leaders across the state and Climate Jobs Rhode Island was formed. The coalition is committed to making Rhode Island a national leader in the development of a 21st Century economy grounded in the principles of economic, environmental, racial and social justice. www.climatejobsri.org

Founding Coalition Partners include : Rhode Island AFL-CIO; Rhode Island Building & Construction Trades Council; The Nature Conservancy; Green Energy Consumers Alliance; Audubon Society of Rhode Island; SEIU District 1199NE; Acadia Center; Clean Water Action; NEARI; Rhode Island Environmental Education Association; RICOSH; Fuerza Laboral; Groundwork RI; and, Teamsters Local 251

Job Responsibilities

The policy researcher of Climate Jobs Rhode Island will provide research and policy guidance for a statewide organization committed to protecting the climate and to working for justice. Priorities for the policy researcher include:

Policy, Advocacy, and Education

- Work with the Board, staff, and key allies to develop policy initiatives and inform strategic advocacy to advance organizational goals
- Build and maintain relationships with diverse groups, community leaders, and policy-makers
- Develop a research plan to initiate policy proposals for the organization
- Work with the Lead Organizer to provide educational programming that deepens the understanding and commitment of affiliated groups and their members and engages new constituencies in Climate Jobs Rhode Island’s work

Organizational Leadership

- Work with the Lead Organizer to represent the organization at events and serve on official bodies, as appropriate
- Communicate organizational priorities and positions to policy-makers, as relevant
- Work with the Board Chairs to prepare for regular Board meetings and coordinate strategic advocacy and planning
- Maintain regular communication with the Board and the leadership of Climate Jobs RI
- Identify potential fundraising and grant opportunities to help grow the organization

Qualifications and Desired Experience

The Climate Jobs Rhode Island Board of Directors is seeking a skilled policy researcher who can demonstrate the ability to promote dialogue and strengthen collaboration among various local constituents to advance public policies that support sustainable communities. Ideal applicants will have:

- A minimum 3 years' experience in policy research for environmental, labor/student organizing, political campaigns, or related experience.
- Minimum Bachelor's degree preferred
- A familiarity with and affinity for progressive politics, with particular emphasis on climate justice and labor movements.
- Demonstrated experience working effectively and collaboratively with a wide range of people and organizations
- A commitment to addressing the historical and current impacts of racism, sexism and other social injustices in building a diverse coalition.
- Knowledge of the Rhode Island's landscape for social and political movements is a plus
- Excellent communication skills: verbal and listening, writing, outgoing presentation, and the passion and presence to be a lead organizer and facilitator
- Bi-lingual in English and Spanish is a plus
- Ability to work remotely

Compensation: Starting salary is \$55,000 annually with employer fully paid health insurance (single or family), 401(k) retirement with employer contribution.

Candidate Guidelines: Candidates should include a resume and a cover letter that describes how their qualifications and experience match the needs and mission of Climate Jobs Rhode Island, along with salary expectations and how they learned of the position. Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled, but initial interviews will begin in June.

How to Apply: The Climate Jobs Rhode Island encourages interested candidates to submit materials to Patrick Crowley, Board Co-Chair: Patrick@RIAFLCIO.com Patrick Crowley, Board Co-Chair

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