

Policy Advocate - Connecticut

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Advancing the Clean Energy Future



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Acadia Center, a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future, is seeking a Policy Advocate to advance its programs on climate and energy issues in Connecticut. Acadia Center is at the forefront of state and regional efforts to build clean, low carbon and consumer friendly economies. Acadia Center provides accurate and reliable information, and offers a real-world and comprehensive approach to problem solving through innovation and collaboration.

Responsibilities and Qualifications. The Policy Advocate will have a primary role supporting and coordinating Acadia Center's efforts to promote and implement clean energy policy reforms in Connecticut, in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy and carbon markets, utility and power grid regulation and sustainable transportation and buildings. The scope of work may include: representing Acadia Center at meetings, hearings and other forums; drafting public comments, educational documents or agency filings; working with partner organizations and coalition building; advancing state sustainable energy goals; and strategic program planning and policy development with team staff based in Hartford, CT and other Acadia Center locations. The position reports to the Connecticut Office Director.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated interest in energy and environmental issues and utility regulation and energy policy or previous relevant advocacy experience in other sectors. The ability to communicate policy and analysis in a compelling manner is important in our work. Candidates should be able to work with diverse constituencies and coalitions to advance policy goals in legislative, regulatory, and advisory settings and be able to advance the organization's goals in a professional and competent manner. Candidates should have an interest in and facility with public speaking, advocacy, and expository writing, and be comfortable and excited to work cooperatively in a multi-staff team structure while handling independent assignments. 1-3 years of relevant experience in sustainable energy is preferred. A J.D. or other advanced degree in a relevant field is preferred, but equal consideration will be given to exceptional candidates without advanced degrees.

Qualifications

- Excellent verbal and written communications skills, with the ability to present information concisely and effectively
- Ability to organize and prioritize multiple projects, and to ask for direction when needed
- Self-motivated with ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- 3 years + experience in relevant work experience
- Commitment and enthusiasm for sustainable energy and climate progress
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and Prezi familiarity helpful

Hours and Compensation

This position is intended as full time but could be structured as part-time or flex-time or on a contractual basis. The position is based in Hartford, CT. Acadia Center compensation is highly competitive with peer non-profit groups and salary is commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and skill level.

To apply, please send a cover letter of interest, resume and at least two professional references to admin@acadiacenter.org and please insert **Policy Advocate - Connecticut and your last name** in the subject line. Phone calls will not be accepted.

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