Policy Advocate

Employment Opportunity

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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 engage in project work on climate and energy issues including energy efficiency, climate policy, renewable power, and sustainable transportation.

Responsibilities and Qualifications

The Policy Advocate's work will advance Acadia Center's programs advancing clean energy, utility and power grid policy, sustainable transportation, energy efficiency and community energy. The Policy Advocate would work as a key team member reporting directly to the Rhode Island office director. The scope of work could include: performing policy research and analysis; prepare Acadia Center publications that support outreach efforts; research and draft legislative and regulatory filings; help develop policy and program recommendations, and participate in strategic planning around key program work and present research and policy recommendations to stakeholders and policymakers in a variety of forums. Strong analytical skills and a comfort level with data analysis/interpretation are important in our work. Candidates should be excited by opportunities for research, expository writing, and advocacy, and be comfortable working cooperatively in a team structure while handling independent assignments. The ideal candidate will have strong analytic, communications (written and oral) and interpersonal skills and an interest in energy and environmental issues. An interest in using data to inform policy options is desired. A J.D. or master's degree in a relevant field is preferred, but consideration will be given to exceptional candidates without advanced degrees who evidence a strong interest in sustainable environmental and economic policies.

More specifically, substantive areas include:

- Work with Acadia Center's Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Initiative to advance energy efficiency policies in Rhode Island.
- Develop and strengthen relationships and partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders in Rhode Island to advance the transition to a clean energy system.
- Advance Acadia Center's clean energy policy priorities at the Rhode Island legislature using a range of tools and strategies, including developing novel approaches to presenting climate change solutions to local and state policymakers and building diverse coalitions of support.
- Communications and outreach on Acadia Center's climate and energy priorities to a wide range of audiences, including traditional media outlets and new ways of public engagement.
- Representing Acadia Center in various forums in Rhode Island.

Hours and Compensation

This is a full-time position based in Providence, RI. Salary is commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and skill level. Benefits include health care, dental, retirement and disability.

About Acadia Center

Acadia Center is a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future. Acadia Center is at the forefront of 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. Acadia Center staff is based in offices in Boston, MA; Providence, RI; Hartford, CT; New York, NY; Rockport, ME; and Ottawa, ON, Canada, with additional staff in the Vermont/New Hampshire area. Acadia Center researches, develops and advocates innovative policies that tackle the region's environmental challenges while promoting sustainable economies. Acadia Center's Climate and Energy Analysis Center (CLEAN) fills a needed role for targeted, reliable data and policy analysis. Acadia Center has a unique capacity to combine a wide range of data sources, complex technical research, and economic analysis into useful information for policy makers, the media and the public. Our work is highly regarded among non-profits, business, consumers, public officials and the media and is used widely to help advance clean energy and climate solutions at the state, regional and federal levels. Acadia Center has received Charity Navigator's highest 4 Star rating for fiscal management and devotion of revenues to program work.

To Apply

To apply, please send a cover letter of interest, resume and at least two professional references to <u>admin@acadiacenter.org</u>. Please insert **Policy Advocate (RI) and your last name** in the subject line, and where you saw the posting in the body of the email. Phone calls will not be accepted.

Acadia Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Acadia Center seeks to recruit, hire, and provide opportunities for advancement without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin (including unlawful language proficiency requirements), age (40 or older), disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, ancestry, military service, and citizenship.