

## **McKinney Climate Fellows Program**

### **2022 McKinney Climate Fellow – Hoosier Environmental Council**

#### Who We Are

The Hoosier Environmental Council is the voice of the people for the environment in Indiana — the organization with the passion and the plan to tackle our environmental challenges and help make our state a healthier, better place to live and do business.

We aim to set a new path for Indiana, where the people of our state embrace practices and policies that dramatically reduce the footprint of industry, commerce and agriculture on the environment. Following this path, Indiana will ascend to new heights in our public health, economic well-being, and in our preservation of nature for generations to come.

Our work with a McKinney Climate Fellow is part of our efforts to inspire and train a new generation of environmental leaders in Indiana, and to provide the Fellow with real world experience in the field of climate and sustainability policy.

#### POSITION SUMMARY

The McKinney Climate Fellow will be placed within the HEC Transportation and Land Use Program and will be responsible for taking the lead on select initiatives and assist with sustainability, climate, and community resiliency projects. The Fellow will provide support for:

- HEC research papers on climate change resilience and carbon markets; specifically, the Fellow will research and draft one or more papers on (a) the role of natural climate solutions and related carbon and ecosystem services markets in contributing to climate resiliency in Indiana communities; and (b) synthesizing the latest research and scientific consensus on the role of Indiana forest ecosystems in sequestering carbon;
- HEC engagement – in the form of webinars and other educational programming -- with community groups, business associations, and small business on sustainability and climate action plans and projects.

Duties will include:

- Research and compilation/analysis of data and findings; production of infographics
- Interviews and surveys of scientists, partners, public officials, business representatives

- Participation in HEC staff meetings
- Assistance with community engagement activities
- Attend the Boot camp May 16 – 20, 2022
- Attend weekly (virtual) “Lunch and Learns,” Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:30pm
- Submit weekly Canvas reports over the course of the fellowship

### Qualifications

- Experience and/or coursework in sustainability/environmental sciences
- Experience using Microsoft software; including experience with graphic outputs
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Self-motivated with good organization skills
- Student must be knowledgeable, and/or have experience or coursework in data tracking of measurable outcomes on projects [such as: tracking greenhouse gas emissions reduction over time at the organization, or other similar quantifiable processes]
- Equity mindset/lens and other critical indicators related to DEI in climate work are preferred

### Compensation

Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Environmental Resilience Institute. The Fellow will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning June 6, 2022, and ending August 12, 2022.

### Feedback and evaluation

The Fellow will be given regular feedback from staff on progress and performance. Success in the fellowship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The Fellow should learn how this organization identifies its sustainability priorities, effective principles of communication, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The McKinney Climate Fellows Program supports the continual advancement and development of diverse, inclusive and equitable spaces. Indiana climate change solutions should be equitable in implementation, and projects with equity considerations are encouraged to reduce climate change impacts on marginalized communities in the state.

### Application instructions

To apply for this position, complete an application on the Environmental Resilience Institute’s website. If you have questions about the program or any of the positions available, email Danni Schaust, MCF Program Manager, at danmcphe@iu.edu, or Sarah Miller, MCF Project and Outreach Coordinator at sjm8@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Monday, February 14, 2022.