Who We Are

The Environmental Law & Policy Center is the Midwest's leading public interest environmental legal advocacy and eco-business innovation organization, and among the nation's leaders. We develop and lead successful strategic advocacy campaigns to improve environmental quality and protect our natural resources. We are public interest environmental entrepreneurs who engage in creative business deal making with diverse interests to put into practice our belief that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together. ELPC's multidisciplinary staff of talented and experienced public interest attorneys, environmental business specialists, public policy advocates and communications specialists brings a strong and effective combination of skills to solve environmental problems.

ELPC's vision embraces both smart, persuasive advocacy and sustainable development principles to win the most important environmental cases and create positive solutions to protect the environment. ELPC's teamwork approach uses legal, economic, scientific and public policy analysis, and communications advocacy tools to produce successes. ELPC's strategic advocacy and business dealmaking involves proposing solutions when we oppose threats to the Midwest environment. We say "yes" to better solutions; we don't just say "no."

ELPC’s focuses on: (1) Accelerating clean energy solutions to climate change problems and reducing pollution from conventional power plants; (2) Accelerating innovative clean transportation solutions to improve mobility and reduce pollution, and improve transportation planning to advance smart growth solutions and counteract sprawled development; (3) Protecting healthier clean air and safe clean drinking water for people in Midwest communities; and (4) Protecting the Great Lakes and preserving the Midwest’s Wild & Natural Places for all.

POSITION SUMMARY

The McKinney Climate Fellow will be expected to help support three major projects at ELPC: (1) Northwest Indiana Air, Parks, and Water Protector Project, (2) Climate Cities, and (3) Electric School Bus Adoption. The Fellow will identify opportunities to improve sustainability, climate protection, and environmental justice through research, outreach with local community groups, and litigation support to enforce State and federal environmental laws; work with Indiana municipalities to advance large-scale climate goals related to green energy, energy efficiency, and electric vehicles and; help track the progress of electric school bus adoption in Indiana and create a coalition of support that will accelerate the electric transition of school buses.

The Fellow will work closely with members of the ELPC legal and policy team. Tasks will be assigned on an as-needed basis depending on what is most urgent at the time. Our multidisciplinary staff employs teamwork approaches using legal, economic, public policy, and communications tools to produce successes that improve our environment and economy. We look forward to adding a McKinney Climate Fellow to our team!

Duties will include:

- Research major sources of greenhouse gases along the Indiana lakeshore
- Work with experts to identify key targets for reduced emissions
- Research to identify points of interest and wholistic resolutions
- Submit blog posts for the ELPC Communications team as-needed
- Communicate effectively with community leaders, elected officials, associations, and partner groups on strategy and solutions
• Work closely with ELPC and partner organizations on the creation of climate action plans, EV infrastructure plans, and other documents to encourage large-scale implementation of climate solutions

Qualifications
● Strong, detail oriented, technical research and analytical skills
● Strong written and oral advocacy skills, especially communicating technical and analytical information in a clear and persuasive manner.
● Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a team setting
● Experience and/or coursework in sustainability
● Experience working with Microsoft Office products
● Experience building and working within broad coalitions a plus.

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 5 – August 11.

Feedback and evaluation
The Fellow will be given regular feedback from Policy Advocate Tyler Barron 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. This position will be remote and in-person (hybrid).

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 the Environmental Resilience Institute at eri@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Friday, January 13, 2023.