McKinney Climate Fellows Program
2023 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 Outreach and Program Teams and will be responsible for taking the lead on select initiatives and assist with sustainability, climate, and community resiliency projects. The Fellow could provide support for:

- HEC outreach – analyzing legislative session outreach data and methods of grassroots organizing; assisting with social media content and social media best practices to optimize interactions and reach
- HEC engagement – in the form of webinars and other educational programming -- with community groups, business associations, and small business on HEC’s work and climate/energy projects.
- HEC research on climate change resilience and community solar; specifically, the Fellow will research and draft one or more fact sheets and presentations on (a) community solar in Indiana based on current legislation and stakeholders and the role community solar plays in the climate resiliency of Indiana communities; and (b) synthesizing the latest research and scientific consensus on the role of terrestrial and underground sequestration and its role in Indiana carbon markets.

Duties will include:
Research climate and energy topics and present findings; produce infographics, factsheet, and website updates
- Assist with social media content and posting
- Organize a meeting agenda during weekly/bi-weekly check-ins
- Participate in HEC staff meetings
- Assist with community engagement activities (i.e., tabling, workshops, events)
- Attend a weeklong training in May 2023
- 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 energy/sustainability/environmental sciences
- Experience using Microsoft software
- 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 and analyzing engagement data, or analyzing survey data)
- Equity mindset/lens and other critical indicators related to DEI in climate work are preferred
- Ability to manage multiple ongoing tasks
- Graphic design and marketing experience preferred but not required

**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 May 29th or June 5th, 2023, depending on the preference of the fellow.

**Feedback and evaluation**

The Fellow will be given regular feedback from staff on progress and performance. The Fellow’s supervisor will be Delaney Barber, HEC’s Outreach, Energy and Climate Coordinator. 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 (communicating with your supervisor). Check-in meetings with the HEC supervisor, Delaney Barber, will occur weekly/bi-weekly in person or virtually depending on the Fellow’s preferences.

**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.