About Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a clean, equitable, resilient energy system that benefits everyone. We believe rooftop solar will be the cornerstone of that new energy system. We help people go solar, join together, and fight for their energy rights. We organize supporters and offer services nationally while maintaining robust grassroots programs in 13 on-the-ground programs around the country. Each program is building an army of solar advocates and supporters by promoting solar through education, events, advocacy, and local solar installation bulk-purchase programs (aka solar co-ops).

Our organization is growing, and the work environment is fast-paced. This is an ideal place for someone looking to dive in and contribute to the growth of a dynamic non-profit. Since 2009 we’ve facilitated more than 7,900 individual solar installations and 53 MW of solar PV capacity. We work hard, get things done, and have fun doing it!

Position Summary

The Fellow will work with the Indiana Program Director, Program Associate, Community Outreach Specialist, and other team members as needed to plan and implement Indiana’s community outreach initiatives, including event planning, volunteer training and coordination, tracking engagement activities, database management, and other duties as assigned. The Fellow will be actively involved in efforts to promote SUN’s solar co-ops at community events and help Indiana’s solar movement continue to grow.

Duties will include:

- Developing and implementing a community outreach plan to promote solar co-ops in central Indiana, including a “lessons learned” report to be used for future planning
- Identifying and attending in-person events (tabling, public meetings, community events, etc.)
- Public speaking about rooftop solar in Indiana
- Volunteer recruitment and engagement tracking via our Salesforce platform
• Content creation for web, social media, and other platforms as needed
• Working and coordinating with a remote team
• Participation in regular team meetings (remote and in-person)
• Other duties as necessary
• Attend a weeklong training in May 2023

Qualifications:
• Passionate about local renewable energy, energy equity, and social justice
• Attention to detail
• Self-starter and comfortable working with remote team members
• Love working with diverse groups of people
• Comfortable working with Microsoft office (familiarity with any other digital tools or programming suites a plus)
• Effective verbal and written communication

Compensation:
Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Environmental Resilience Institute. The Fellow will work full time for 12 weeks (decide between 10-12 weeks), beginning May 22 through August 11. (Dates can be flexible based on a mutually agreed upon schedule).

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 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.