

Research Internship Summer 2022

Opportunities in MA, CT, RI, and ME

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Acadia Center is a non-profit, research, and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future by offering real-world solutions to the climate crisis. We welcome interns interested in the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) and in clean energy, energy policy, and climate change policy.

Position

Acadia Center is seeking motivated undergraduate and graduate students for summer internship positions in the New England region. Interns will work with Acadia Center staff – policy experts, researchers, attorneys, and communications professionals– on projects that directly impact the work of the organization. Depending on the work, interns may have the opportunity to meet with policymakers, attend state hearings and meetings, and work in coalition with other advocates. Projects will be assigned based on skills and interests, but will mostly include the following:

- Working to track legislative processes pertaining to our work areas, preparing a dashboard to help prioritize our advocacy;
- Exploring energy use and cost-saving potential in buildings, summarizing information about existing and emerging technologies;
- Engaging in short and/or long-term research projects on a variety of issues;
- Analyzing, planning, and managing Acadia Center’s digital media presence, including social media, the website, and other online external-facing products.

Candidates should possess a selection of the following skills, depending on their project interest:

- Self-guided literature research, legal/docket research, conducting interviews, preparing summaries;
- Organizing information and doing quantitative analysis with Microsoft Excel, or programming and manipulating datasets;
- Knowledge of social media and digital media best practices.
- Knowledge or experience pertaining to electric and gas utilities, energy efficiency programs, public policy, or buildings and transportation energy use are all considered assets for prospective interns.

To Apply

Internship positions are available in Rockport, ME; Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and Hartford, CT. The position will be fully remote, though there may be possibilities for in-person events. Dates and work schedules will be determined individually, but internships are generally full-time for up to 10 weeks in June, July and August. Acadia Center can provide a modest stipend, though all applicants must attempt to qualify (or be eligible to qualify at the time of application) for an established internship funding program. Examples of funding programs include the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Intern program (current or recent graduates of MA colleges and universities or MA residents attending an out-of-state school), funding programs offered through a student’s school program, or other working grants.

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Current undergraduate or graduate students studying environmental science, economics or policy, energy policy, law, communications, or a related field are invited to apply. Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter detailing their project interest and their internship funding program, and a short (no more than 2 pages) writing sample by April 29 with the subject line “Research Internship” to this email address:

- internship@acadiacenter.org.

Organization

Founded in 1998, Acadia Center is a leading non-profit whose mission is to advance bold, effective, and equitable clean energy solutions for a livable climate and a stronger, more equitable economy. Acadia Center achieves change through thought leadership, analysis, advocacy, coalition building, and engagement with the public in the Northeast and beyond. Through research and advocacy, it offers real-world solutions to the climate crisis to create a sustainable future for all. The organization focuses on high-quality research, develops ideas to reform state, local and regional policies and works to implement change. Acadia Center emphasizes a commitment to use data and research to demonstrate the energy, climate, health, consumer and equitable distribution potential of reforms and build awareness and diverse support for its program. For more information, please visit <http://acadiacenter.org>.

Acadia Center staff is based in offices in Rockport, ME; Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and Hartford, CT. 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, health and consumer 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.

Acadia Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Acadia Center seeks to recruit, hire, and provide opportunities for advancement without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, pregnancy, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital or civil union status, military service, citizenship, or any other characteristics and traits protected under applicable federal, state or local law.