

Senior Advocate – Maine

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Advancing the Clean Energy Future

Acadia Center is seeking an energetic Senior Advocate to play a leadership role advancing Acadia Center advocacy efforts with a primary focus in Maine.

Position

The Senior Advocate – Maine will have a leadership role to advance Acadia Center’s efforts to promote and implement energy and climate policy reforms focusing on Maine and related regional forums. Policy priorities are established in areas including climate pathways, energy efficiency/building electrification, clean energy, utility and power grid policy reforms and electrification of transportation. The position represents Acadia Center in legislative forums; state and regional policy forums; in outreach with partner organizations and coalitions; regulatory proceedings at the Public Utilities Commission; and strengthening external relationships with diverse stakeholders and community interests. Acadia Center’s approach maintains a strong interest in creating health, consumer, economic, workforce and quality of life improvements as core values in addressing climate policy. We are committed to addressing environmental and energy justice in our work. Drafting public comments, educational documents and filings; communicating policy issues with media and the public; and drafting materials for use in development are important parts of the position. The Senior Advocate – Maine reports to the Director of Policy.

Key Qualifications

- A strong interest in energy and climate issues and a sense of ambition and urgency to address the climate crisis in a manner that will spur economic, consumer, public health, and environmental justice benefits for all of Maine and New England.
- Excitement at the opportunity for regulatory and legislation action, public speaking, expository writing, and advocacy and a comfort level with applying data analysis to policy. Excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communications skills, with the ability to present information clearly and effectively.
- Enthusiasm to build effective partnerships and coalitions with diverse constituencies to advance shared goals and represent the organization in a professional and competent manner. Experience in environmental, energy or and climate justice is highly valued.
- Self-motivated with an ability to work independently and with teams and an ability to organize and prioritize multiple projects and seek direction when needed.
- 3+ years' relevant work experience in a consultancy, law practice, public agency, NGO or other relevant setting.
- JD degree and admission to the Maine Bar is preferred but candidates with experience in administrative and legislative forums are encouraged to apply and will be given full consideration.
- Familiarity with Maine is an asset.
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) experience is essential.

Diversity and Climate Justice Commitment

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Acadia Center is committed to a diverse work environment that advances goals to remedy racial, environmental and climate justice issues. We value a workplace of mutual respect, the ability to learn from one another and a team culture of inclusion, shared responsibilities and decision making.

Compensation

This is a full-time, exempt, salaried position; requests for flex or part time schedules will be considered. During the pandemic, Acadia Center offices are closed, and all work is remote. Acadia Center seeks to return to a flexible, hybrid office model in fall 2022. Proximity to Acadia Center's office in Rockport, Maine is helpful but home office locations in Maine can be considered. Acadia Center compensation is highly competitive with peer non-profit groups. The range of compensation is expected to be \$72,500 to \$90,000, commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and skill levels. Benefits include health care, dental, retirement, disability, and vacation.

Organization

Since its founding in 1998, Acadia Center has been a leading non-profit working to advance a low carbon, clean energy economy in the northeastern United States that benefits all. The organization's approach applies on-staff research to shape recommendations and implement reforms to state, local and regional policies that reduce climate pollution, advance clean energy, and improve the lives of all. We focus on legislative, regulatory agencies forums and developing materials for public education and engagement. Acadia Center uses a team approach that combines skills in economic, energy, climate, law, health and consumer analysis into useful information for policy makers, the media and the public. Building strong, effective relationships in coalitions, partnerships and engagement with diverse stakeholders is a core hallmark of our approach. Acadia Center staff of lawyers, policy experts, researchers and communicators are based in Rockport, ME; Boston, MA; Providence, RI; Hartford, CT; and New York, NY. For more information, please visit <https://acadiacenter.org>.

To Apply

To apply, please send a cover letter of interest, resume, at least two professional references and an example of your writing and communications skills to careers@acadiacenter.org. Please insert **Senior Advocate Maine** in the subject line and indicate where you saw the posting in the body of the email. Phone calls will not be accepted.

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