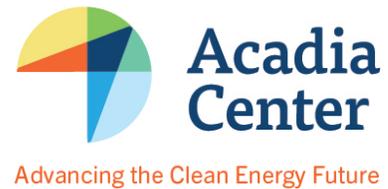


Senior Policy Advocate - Connecticut

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

Position

The Senior Policy Advocate – Connecticut will have a leadership role advancing Acadia Center’s efforts to promote and implement energy and climate policy reforms within Connecticut and regional forums. Areas of attention include climate pathways, energy efficiency, clean energy, utility and power grid policy reforms and transportation climate policy. The position includes work such as representing Acadia Center in legislative forums; state and regional policy forums; with partner organizations and coalitions; in regulatory proceedings at PURA; and strengthening external relationships. Drafting public comments, educational documents and filings; and communicating policy issues with media and the public are important parts of the job. The position is based in Acadia Center’s Hartford office, and reports to the Director of Policy.

Key Qualifications

- A strong interest in energy and climate issues and ambition and urgency to address the climate crisis in a manner that will spur economic, consumer, public health, and environmental justice benefits.
- Excitement at the opportunity for regulatory and legislative action, public speaking, expository writing, and advocacy. Excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communications skills, with the ability to present information clearly and effectively.
- Enthusiasm to engage with a diverse array of organizations and voices and build effective partnerships and coalitions to advance shared work goals and represent the organization in a professional manner.
- Experience in environmental and climate justice is highly valued.
- Comfort using data to inform our advocacy.
- 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.
- 5+ years of relevant experience regarding sustainable energy, regulatory, environmental, or climate issues.
- Familiarity with Connecticut is strongly preferred.
- A J.D. and admission to the Connecticut bar are strongly preferred.
- Candidates with other advanced degrees and experience in administrative or legislative forums are encouraged to apply and will be given full consideration.
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) familiarity required.

Diversity and Climate Justice Commitment

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. Acadia Center is devoted to the values and ethics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. People from diverse backgrounds and identities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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. This position location is based in Hartford, Connecticut. Acadia Center compensation is highly competitive with peer non-profit groups and salary is commensurate with the selected candidate’s experience and skill levels. The range of compensation is expected to be from \$78,000 to \$95,000 depending on life and work experience, knowledge of the field and skillsets. 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 Connecticut and the northeastern United States to benefit all residents. 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 www.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 **Connecticut Policy Advocate** 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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