



Agricultural Outreach Fellowship Remote 9-Month Position Starting Fall 2021

Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) is a non-profit program dedicated to fostering a bipartisan coalition for federal climate policy that invests in sustainable agriculture and agricultural producers' profitability. This fellow will gain experience with constituency building through research, outreach, and partnership development. They will also be steeped in an organization focused on topics including: climate, water, sustainable agriculture, ecosystem services, and agricultural economics. If you are talented, proactive, and interested in learning the ins and outs of building support for a small but mighty nonprofit, this is the opportunity for you.

About RIPE

RIPE is a non-profit based in Washington, DC that works toward the following goals:

- **Comprehensively addressing climate change with a bipartisan mandate.**
- **Fairly compensating farmers with a profitable and reliable revenue stream** that communities can rely upon in an era of declining rural economies, climate-related disruptions to agricultural production, and fluctuating commodity pricing.
- **Investing in the adoption of voluntary sustainable agriculture practices to improve drinking water quality, soil health, and climate mitigation.**

Experience Gained & Responsibilities

The fellow will be integrated into the RIPE team as a core contributor and will be treated as a professional. The fellow will perform any of a number of projects, including those listed below. The final work plans will be designed in consultation with the fellow's interests, balanced with program priority needs. The fellow will have outreach project responsibilities, as well as provide some administrative support. Potential projects:

- Research key stakeholders in target states, commodities, and regions
- Identify contact information for key agricultural leaders
- Conduct initial outreach to schedule introductory phone calls
- Support strategy development and admin support for Outreach team

Skills & Interests

The desired skills and interests of this fellow position are:

- Interest in understanding and developing skills in campaign building and community outreach
- Knowledge/experience in writing professional communications for an external audience
- Experience with research or interest in expanding skills
- Strong attention to detail and ability to work against deadlines
- Professional demeanor, good judgment, and the ability and desire to positively represent the organization
- Interest in driving comprehensive climate policy and the environmental and economic sustainability of rural communities

- Willingness to jump in and provide assistance outside of job description to achieve team success

Logistics

- The fellowship runs from September 7, 2021, through May 27, 2022, with 4 weeks' unpaid vacation.
- The fellow will work remotely for 8 hours per week, with flexibility on which hours work for them.
- The fellow will provide weekly or bi-weekly check-in calls with their project manager. They will submit weekly work memos in advance of, and receive feedback during, those calls.
- RIPE Team meetings occur weekly, allowing fellows to present summaries of their research to RIPE staff and connect with other fellows.
- A small stipend will be provided.

To Apply

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Careers@RipeRoadmap.org as soon as possible and no later than August 16, 2021, with the subject line "Outreach Fellow Application." Please include information about your availability (days of the week, work hours). Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. Opportunities will be offered to preferred candidates until the position is filled. Please use the subject line "Outreach Fellow Application." Due to the high volume of applicants, we do not respond to all candidates.

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