



## **Research Volunteer - Climate, Agriculture and Policy**

Permanently remote position, option for Washington, D.C., office

Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) is seeking a Research Volunteer for Summer 2022 to support mission-critical work on agriculture and environmental policy, farmer and rancher engagement, and other organizational projects. Volunteers will gain experience with environmental policy design, economic and ecological analysis, stakeholder engagement, and/or political projections in a variety of fields including: climate, water, sustainable agriculture, ecosystem services, and agricultural economics. If you are excited to be part of a rapidly growing, small but mighty team working to achieve ambitious, national bipartisan climate policy that supports agricultural producers' economic and environmental sustainability, this is the opportunity for you. This position will work across departments to support RIPE's successes in policy development, agricultural outreach, government affairs, and communications.

### **About RIPE**

Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) is a producer-led nonprofit advancing a voluntary stewardship program that provides a reasonable return to farmers and ranchers as part of a national bipartisan climate policy. We believe agricultural producers have a pivotal role to play in tackling climate change, but they shouldn't sacrifice their own prosperity in the process. Our [RIPE100 policy proposal](#) would enable producers to earn \$100 per acre from conservation practices that deliver public value through carbon sequestration, soil health, water quality and other environmental services.

### **Key Responsibilities**

Volunteers are integrated into the RIPE team as core members and treated as professionals. Each volunteer is engaged in projects that reflect their own interests and learning priorities, balanced with program priority needs. Volunteers will have research project responsibilities combined with some administrative support.

Responsibilities are as follows:

- Provide basic research to support RIPE's research, policy, communications and government affairs teams.
- Provide analysis, writing and editing support on policy memos and external communications.
- Support editing/development of content/messaging.
- Conduct research and analyze important policy issues for further dissemination and analysis.
- Research thought-leadership opportunities (e.g. events, publications) and support presentation development.
- Provide support for visits with federal, state and city government, and elected officials.

- Conduct research on stakeholders and constituents to facilitate coalition building.
- Support special projects as needed.

## **Skills, Abilities and Qualifications**

- Independence, proactive research skills and the ability to take initiative to approach research in creative ways.
- Interest in learning about and contributing to climate and agricultural policy improvements with a pragmatic, practical lens.
- Diplomatic and confidential approach to politically sensitive topics.
- Strong analytical skills – ability to review lengthy reports, and identify and communicate the salient points.
- Preference for academic or professional experience in the fields of policy, politics, economics or environmental science.
- Some coursework completed on either: political science, climate, sustainable agriculture, water, environmental science, environmental economics or environmental policy.
- Strong organizational and planning skills.
- Experience with Google Workspace a plus.

**Please apply by submitting a cover email and resume to [careers@RIPEroadmap.org](mailto:careers@RIPEroadmap.org).**

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. We expect to begin interviews in late June. In your cover email, please briefly describe your experience and your interest in RIPE's mission, and include information about your availability, including start date, available days of the week and available work hours. Please include "Volunteer Application" in the subject line. We respectfully request no follow-up calls or emails.

Headquarters are in Washington, D.C. Work can be done from there or remotely. Work is conducted in Eastern time zone and applicants are expected to be available during those business hours.

RIPE is an independently operating project of the nonprofit umbrella organization [Multiplier](#), a nationally recognized nonprofit with a growing portfolio of innovative initiatives that conserve and protect a sustainable and resilient world. RIPE has filed for its independent 501(c)(3) tax status with the IRS and expects to be a standalone nonprofit in mid-2022.

### **EEO STATEMENT:**

Multiplier and RIPE celebrate diversity and are committed to building teams and partnerships that represent a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills. Multiplier and RIPE are also committed to providing an environment of mutual respect that is free from discrimination and harassment. Multiplier and RIPE prohibit discrimination in its governance, programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, marital status, amnesty, status as a covered veteran, because all or part of an individual's income is derived from public assistance, or for any other nonmerit-based factors.