



Research Volunteer - Climate, Agriculture, and Policy/Government Affairs

Permanently remote position, option to work from Washington, D.C., office

Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE) is seeking volunteers for the Fall of 2022 who are interested in gaining 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 small but mighty team working to achieve an ambitious, national bipartisan climate policy that supports agricultural producers' economic and environmental sustainability, this is the opportunity for you.

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.

Experience Gained & 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 or communications support. Volunteers will select their priority interests from a list of tasks, similar to those listed below.

- Provide basic research to support RIPE's research, policy and government affairs functions;
- Provide analysis, writing and editing support on policy memos and external communications;
- Conduct research on and analyze ways to increase equity and inclusion within a federal agricultural conservation program;
- Conduct literature reviews to analyze the environmental benefits of agricultural conservation practices;
- Support editing/development of content/messaging (written docs, grassroots appeals);
- Conduct research and analyze important policy issues for further dissemination and analysis;
- Supporting thought-leadership opportunities and presentation development;
- Assist in preparing state and district reports for members of the House and Senate Ag Committees;
- Watch and report to senior staff on Congressional hearings on the 2023 Farm Bill;

- Analyze, track and report on farm bill policy positions from key agriculture trade associations;
- Conduct research on important stakeholders and constituents to facilitate coalition building and understand the competitive/peer landscape of proposals; and
- Support special projects as needed.

Skills, Interests, 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 detailed reports and identify and communicate the salient points.
- Preference given to those with 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 an email describing your experience and your interest in RIPE’s mission along with a resume to volunteers@RIPEroadmap.org, with the subject line “Research Volunteer Application.” Please include information about your availability, including start date, available days of the week, and available work hours. Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Due to the high volume of applicants, we will not respond to all candidates.

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 received independent 501(c)(3) tax status from the IRS and expects to be a standalone nonprofit by the fall of 2022.

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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.