



## **Volunteer or Intern: Outreach & Communications for a Climate/Agriculture Nonprofit**

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 constituency building through research, outreach, communications and partnership development. 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 for conservation practices that deliver public value through carbon sequestration, soil health, water quality and other environmental services.

### **Experience Gained and 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.

- Research key stakeholders in target states, commodities and regions.
- Support RIPE's Southeast & Equity Farm Outreach Coordinator to advance RIPE's work on inclusion, diversity, equity and access.
- Research events and speaking opportunities for RIPE.
- Identify contact information for key agricultural leaders.
- Conduct initial outreach to schedule introductory phone calls.
- Support strategy development and admin support for Outreach team.
- Monitor and support the Farmer Advisory Network (FAN) LinkedIn page and discussion.
- Identify relevant podcasts and radio shows where RIPE should seek coverage.
- Research potential RIPE champions from webinar registrants, newsletter subscribers and social media followers.

## **Skills, Interests, Abilities and Qualifications**

- Passion for RIPE's mission to drive comprehensive climate policy and the environmental and economic sustainability of rural communities; strong interest in equity and inclusion in the agricultural space.
- Independence, proactive research skills and the ability to take initiative with creativity.
- 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.
- Willingness to jump in and provide assistance outside of job description to achieve team success.
- 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 mail to [dmacavoy@RIPEroadmap.org](mailto:dmacavoy@RIPEroadmap.org) with the subject line "Outreach 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's internship program offers educational opportunities to students and volunteers who want to gain experience and learn about the nonprofit sector. The internship program accommodates the academic calendar by not expecting time commitments during the weeks of midterms and finals. Internships are typically unpaid and there is no expectation of a paid position at the conclusion of the internship. To support expanding equitable professional development opportunities, stipends will be available for individuals from historically disadvantaged communities.

### **EEO STATEMENT:**

RIPE celebrates diversity and is committed to building teams and partnerships that represent a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills. RIPE is also committed to providing an environment of mutual respect that is free from discrimination and harassment. RIPE prohibits 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.