



Government Affairs Fellowship- Winter-Spring 2023

Riverkeeper is looking for a fellow to join our team for the winter and spring to work on state and federal government affairs with a primary focus on the 2023 New York State legislative session. The Government Affairs Fellow will partner with the Senior Manager of Government Affairs on legislative affairs, public affairs, research, communications and administrative support. The fellow will gain firsthand experience in state and federal level advocacy at an internationally recognized environmental non-profit, working closely with Riverkeeper's program team of scientists, advocates, and lawyers. This is an exciting opportunity for an emerging environmental leader seeking a fast-paced fellowship.

We seek independent and motivated students with a commitment to environmental protection and an ability to handle multiple, diverse assignments at the same time. Strong research and writing skills and organized work habits are a must.

- **Training:** The fellow should expect training and onboarding the first week of the fellowship followed by ongoing mentorship and supervision from the Senior Manager of Government Affairs. The fellow should also expect regular check-ins with their supervisor and the Community Partnerships team. The fellow will receive training and relevant written materials to become versed about and comfortable with the range of Riverkeeper's campaigns, initiatives, and mission.
- **Commitment:** January-June. A commitment of at least 15 hours per week minimum.
- **Location:** Albany, NY metropolitan area/part-time remote
- **Compensation:** \$3,000-5,000 stipend, 15-25 hours per week

Fellowship Duties

- The fellow will work at the New York State Capitol when required and remotely
- Work with legislative staff to schedule meetings to further Riverkeeper's legislative agenda
- Develop an understanding of the Hudson River Estuary, pollution threats, environmental policies, and local governmental agencies
- Lobby legislators and their staff on Riverkeeper's legislative priorities
- Assist in reviewing, analyzing and tracking legislation, and drafting memos and testimony on budget priorities and legislation
- Assist in the distribution of memos and factsheets to public officials and their staff
- Assist in monitoring committee hearings and meeting
- Assist in drafting testimony
- Coordinate coalition meetings and communication
- Possible participation in hearings, meetings with government officials, trainings, and investigations



- Assist in organizing and participating in advocacy events such as webinars and roundtables via zoom
- Attend various meetings with Riverkeeper staff or independently on behalf of Riverkeeper
- Draft blogs, letters to the editor and op-eds supporting Riverkeeper's campaigns

Qualifications

- Graduate student or law student strongly preferred
- Available on a regular schedule for the entire duration of the fellowship
- Skilled in working with computers, websites, online databases, and complex research topics
- Familiarity with google drive software such as Google Sheets and Docs
- Resourceful, self-starter, excellent problem solver;
- Online research experience
- Enthusiasm for the Riverkeeper mission and for helping the Senior Manager of Government Affairs reach annual goals

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Interested applicants should send a **1-page cover letter and 1-page** resume to: Human Resources via email at humanresources@riverkeeper.org and Jeremy Cherson, Senior Manager of Government Affairs via email at jcherson@riverkeeper.org. Please write "2023 Winter-Spring Government Affairs Fellowship Application" in the subject line.

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