Project Title: Equity in New York State Public Municipal Water Systems

Graduate Research Assistant - Equity Analyst

The Water Center at Penn is hiring a graduate student to provide support on a recently awarded project, “Equity in New York State Public Municipal Water Systems.” The goal of this project is to provide New York State (NYS) municipalities and water utilities with the information, tools, and support needed to establish and sustain safe, affordable drinking water for their most vulnerable populations.

Furthermore, our goal is to establish a space for policy leaders to learn about the day-to-day realities of utility leaders, and for utility leaders to get a sense of how policy leaders are working to align their work with public health - most notably the goal of ensuring equitable clean water access.

We are looking for graduate student to support the following project objectives:

1. Develop content and logistical support for (4) Community of Practice Events
2. Develop content and logistical support for forums bringing together state level water affordability policy advocates and water utility leaders
3. Develop summary/report out materials in line with WCP communication team

The ideal candidate will…

- Current University of Pennsylvania student (not necessary to be enrolled in Summer courses)
- Hold a B.S. in environmental studies, environmental science, political science or related major (other disciplines welcomed)
- Experience with administrative support (emails, coordinating meetings, etc.)
- Strong communication skills
- Understanding of water utilities or water/wastewater infrastructure is highly desired

Position Needs/Requirements:

1. Graduate student, ideally interested in/focused on water policy
2. Ability to work 10 hours a week and attend weekly meetings for fall and spring
3. Communicate professionally with project partners and meeting attendees
Compensation: $21/hour, in alignment with University of Pennsylvania standard rates

Time allocation: Up to 15 hours/week at $21/hour

Application information: Submit a cover letter and resume to Erica DePalma, Senior Water Systems Program Manager, at edepalma@sas.upenn.edu. Review of applications will start on August 20th; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions can also be sent to the email address above.