



Fossil Free Eugene 2024 Youth Advocacy Intern

Employment Status: Temporary, Part-Time, Seasonal

Compensation: \$2,500 Stipend (\$20 /hour)

Hours: 5-10 hours/week for 10-25 weeks, depending on availability (total contract 125 hours).

Location: Remote in Eugene, OR

Priority application deadline (open until filled): April 15, 2024

Desired start date: May 15, 2024

*This is a short-term position that does not include office space, insurance, or other benefits. The contractor is responsible for paying any and all taxes.

About Fossil Free Eugene

Fossil Free Eugene is a coalition of grassroots organizations and community members calling on the City of Eugene to follow through with the climate goals that it set for itself and lead the way to forging a just transition away from fossil fuels for all of our community's residents. In 2014, the city of Eugene passed the Climate Recovery Ordinance (CRO) with bold targets to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels and prevent catastrophic climate change. Now, 10 years later, the city has done little to ensure that these goals are met. As the climate crisis continues to worsen, and our local community is impacted by climate-driven wildfire and drought, it is time for the city to act.

The coalition seeks to prevent the construction of new fracked gas (methane) infrastructure in buildings in the City of Eugene, and develop an equitable and just framework and funding mechanism for transitioning existing buildings off of fracked gas.

Youth Advocacy Position Summary:

At Fossil Free Eugene, we believe the fight for a just transition should center and follow the lead of the youth, who will be disproportionately impacted by climate change. To this end, we created this funded youth intern position to ensure youth input and involvement in our campaign strategy and execution.

The successful applicant will sit in on the coalition's steering committee, attend coalition meetings, and lead youth engagement efforts. They will work with the coalition coordinator to

execute the strategic plan to support the coalition's platform for a just transition. While this position is focused on youth engagement and advocacy there will also be a focus on outreach and collaboration with Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), and low-income communities in the Eugene area, as well as key unions that stand to be impacted by the transition off of fossil fuels.

In this position, the successful applicant will have the opportunity to work with seasoned advocates to learn about local policy, climate and fossil fuel issues, communications strategy, coalition building and management, group and event organizing, and more.

This is a part-time, remote position requiring reliable internet, phone, and computer access.

Qualifications

The Youth Advocacy Intern must be passionate about facilitating a just transition to clean energy and have strong organizational and interpersonal skills.

Requirements

- Identifies as a youth, candidates between the ages of 18-25 encouraged
- Commitment to building a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive climate justice movement
- Commitment to building a movement through cultivating volunteers, creating personal connections with community members and leaders, and supporting fellow coalition members in their work
- Commitment to minimizing the campaign's environmental footprint

Preferred experiences and skills

- Demonstrated interest and involvement in climate/environmental issues and/or organizing in conservation or social justice campaigns/clubs/groups
- Familiarity with climate science or ability to learn quickly
- Experience with social media platforms and Canva
- Experience with Google Suite
- Spanish language proficiency

HOW TO APPLY

Email a cover letter (no more than one page) and resume with one academic/professional and one personal reference **as a single PDF to aya@fossilfreeeugene.org with "Your Name - Youth Advocacy Intern" in the subject line.**

Priority review will begin on April 15, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The position is open until filled. We anticipate a start date between May 1-15, 2024. Thank you for your time and interest!

The Fossil Free Eugene Coalition is committed to cultivating a diverse, empowered, and respectful community in the workplace and beyond. We do not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, parental status, marital status, veteran status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin. People of all ethnicities and gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome and encouraged to apply.

We are an equal opportunity employer.