Position Title: Indiana Solar Policy Extern

About Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a clean, equitable, resilient energy system that benefits everyone. We believe rooftop solar will be the cornerstone of that new energy system. We help people go solar, join together, and fight for their energy rights. We are a national organization with robust grassroots programs in 11 states and Washington, D.C., and we are quickly expanding our on-the-ground work to new states each year. Each state program is building an army of solar advocates and supporters by promoting solar through education, events, advocacy, and local solar installation bulk-purchase programs (aka solar co-ops).

Our organization is growing, and the work environment is fast-paced. This is an ideal place for someone looking to dive in and contribute to the growth of a dynamic non-profit. Since 2009 we’ve facilitated more than 4,200 individual solar installations and 33 MW of solar PV capacity. We work hard, get things done, and have fun doing it!

Position Summary

The extern will work with the Indiana Program Director, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy, and other team members as needed to research existing Indiana solar energy policy, catalogue potential policies that can be adopted at the state and local levels, and help to generate a solar policy agenda for the state.

Duties will include:

- Solar energy law and policy research
- Development of research summaries
- Content creation for web, social media, and other educational materials
- Participation in regular team meetings
- Other duties as necessary
- Attend the 3-day ISDP Boot camp May 18 - 20, 2020
Qualifications:
• Passionate about renewable energy and social justice
• Attention to detail
• Self-starter and comfortable working with remote team members
• Experience and / or coursework related to law & policy research (energy focus preferred)
• Effective verbal and written communication

Compensation:
Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Indiana University Sustainability Development Program (“ISDP”). The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning Monday, May 25, 2020 and ending Friday, July 31, 2020. (Dates can be flexible based on a mutually agreed-upon schedule)

Feedback and evaluation:
The intern will be given regular feedback from Solar United Neighbors staff on progress and performance. Success in the internship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner.

Application instructions:
To apply for this position, complete an application on the Sustain IU website. [Additional details forthcoming]. If you have questions about the program or any of the jobs available, email Danni Schaust, ISDP Program Manager, at danmcphe@iu.edu. The application deadline is Friday, February 28, 2020.