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Clean Air-Cool Planet (CA-CP) is inviting applications for our competitive Climate Fellowship program. CA-CP is an action-oriented nonprofit that works with campuses and communities to find and promote solutions to climate change. We provide practical solutions that demonstrate the economic opportunities and environmental benefits of climate leadership. CA-CP's Climate Fellowships pair outstanding students with challenging projects that will propel the US toward a low-carbon future; CA-CP provides mentorship, networking opportunities, and a stipend.

The Project:

Climate Preparedness for Coastal New Hampshire Towns

Volunteer boards and commissions (e.g. planning, conservation, etc.) play an instrumental role in decision-making in small New England towns. Board members come from diverse backgrounds and have varying levels of comfort with technical information, ranging from expert to novice. As indicated in the [2011 Clean Air-Cool Planet needs assessment](#), and in our experience working with groups across New England, volunteer boards in small communities across the region are asking for help when it comes to preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.

This project will involve assisting a project team composed of members of the [NH Coastal Adaptation Working Group \(NH CAW\)](#) in providing just such assistance to small coastal towns in New Hampshire. NH CAW will guide and depend upon the work of a 2012 Climate Fellow to help local decision makers from a small target community (still TBD, but population < less than 20,000) integrate climate adaptation strategies into their plans, policies and practices, based upon a community-driven assessment, the [NOAA Roadmap for Adapting to Coastal Risk](#). While this project will focus in on one CAW member town, it will serve as a model for others.

Project Duties and Desired Outcomes:

During the summer of 2012, the Fellow will assist the CAW project team in doing the following:

- Organize and/or hold a series of meetings and information sessions between members of the target community and NHCAW, as part of the community assessment (i.e. *NOAA Roadmap... process*)
- Leverage existing networks, projects, data and resources concentrated in coastal NH
- Provide the target community with the educational, technical and facilitation products and services needed to make institutional changes

The Fellow should anticipate off-site meetings that may include some evenings, as well as participation in other climate adaptation projects, events and initiatives as guided. Once the dialoguing and community engagement necessary to complete the *NOAA Roadmap...* has taken place, the project team will then assist the community with using the resulting vulnerability and asset assessment to prioritize, select, develop, and implement adaptation strategies that fit the community's needs. Ultimately, this project will reduce the vulnerability of people and property within a NH municipality to climate change and severe weather effects.

At the conclusion of the project, this fellow will have gained:

- A working knowledge of how to apply the *NOAA Roadmap for Adapting to Coastal Risk* in a specific community or region

- A portfolio including outreach materials, technical information and analysis
- Project management and presentation experience
- Relationships with state and local officials, and community leaders from NH's seacoast
- Inside knowledge about how non-profits such as Clean Air-Cool Planet operate
- Experience working independently
- Engagement with CA-CP's climate fellow alumni network

The Fellow will be one of a handful of people with first-hand experience in climate adaptation planning; with the potential opportunity to present at one or more national conferences.

Location: This Fellowship will be based in the Portsmouth, NH offices of Clean Air-Cool Planet.

Time commitment: Full time, 10 weeks (between May and August); The Fellow will assume a summer full-time staff position.

Compensation: \$5000 stipend paid biweekly.

Desired Qualifications:

- Upperclassman in, or recent graduate of, relevant B.S. or B.A. degree program, or enrolled in an MS/MA program.
- Knowledge of climate change and regional impacts essential; background in community planning, political science, or sociology preferred
- Very strong oral and written communication skills
- Meeting facilitation skills and/or experience
- Experience in working successfully with diverse stakeholders to achieve a goal
- Demonstrated ability to work well independently and on a team

CA-CP Climate Fellowship program eligibility:

Graduate students, exceptional undergraduate students, and recent graduates are eligible. We will encourage, but not require, an academic sponsor or reference for each fellow, and where possible we will ask that course credits are awarded. In order to attract the highest-quality applicants and to enable students to take advantage of these opportunities regardless of their financial situation, CA-CP will award all selected fellows a competitive stipend.

Supervision, Training and Mentoring

This fellow will receive day-to-day supervision and mentoring from Clean Air-Cool Planet's staff as well as from the project team members, with regular input/ contact from the rest of NH CAW.

Fellows in each session will be expected to participate in a two-day orientation session, regular webinars with the other Summer Climate Fellows, and three events in Portsmouth, NH:

- ◆ Midterm project presentations to CA-CP staff and relevant project partners
- ◆ A summative evaluation and feedback session at the end of their placement
- ◆ A reception with CA-CP donors and supporters

These workshops and other post-fellowship communication mechanisms ensure that CA-CP Climate Fellows will belong to a network of passionate students and professionals, and will be able to collaborate and continue learning even after the project has ended.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample addressed to Lynn Sullivan at lsullivan@cleanair-coolplanet.org. Applications will be accepted through 2/24/2012.