

Job Title: Communications Intern

Department: Communications

Location: Oakland Office, Washington DC, or remote

Duration: 37.5 hours/week for 10 weeks

Context: At the Sierra Club, we believe in the power of interdependence. Together, we remain committed to the fight for a healthy climate built on a foundation of environmental, racial, economic, and gender justice — a future where all people benefit from a healthy, thriving planet and a direct connection to nature. As the climate crisis and deeply entrenched systemic racism all fuel injustice, we will continue to fight for a bold, transformational agenda that recognizes the interconnectedness between our planet, our humanity, and our future. By recognizing that our destinies are tied, we continue to name that all things are fundamentally connected, and the overlap between ecology, race, gender, and representative government will move to either advance our collective humanity or to oppress it. Sierra Club has close to 800 staff across the country and a network of 64 local chapters that are led and fueled by thousands of volunteers. We are also proud to be a unionized employer, with three labor unions representing more than half of our employees.

Scope: The Communications Intern will assist the national press team with developing timely, engaging content for our website, social media platforms, and news media that is relevant to many communities and stakeholder groups. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in the nexus between energy/environment and social justice to work with state policy and issue experts and organizers on key issues, while expanding their communications capacities.

Job activities include but are not limited to:

- Track news and storylines, identify trends in how the media portrays our issues
- Assist in the development/distribution of press releases, op-eds, statements, and other media materials.
- Research and draft content for our website and social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Blue Sky)
- Develop, test, and refine messaging around specific issues, campaigns, and communities
- Assist the communications team in engaging the public through social media, and creating/fostering an online community

The successful candidate must have the following skills and experience:

- **Excellent writing and editing skills.** Ability to craft compelling content suitable for various audiences.
- **Social media proficiency.** Familiarity with various social media platforms and understanding of web engagement strategies.
- Working knowledge of conservation and environmental justice issues.
- Committed to evolution. You are committed to continuously deepening and evolving your own understanding of systems of oppression through study, openness, and humility. And you easily recognize your own relationship to privilege and power, examining and shifting your behaviors as appropriate.
- **Uplifting and additive.** You see mistakes as opportunities for growth; problems as catalysts for solutions, and inspire others along the journey. You carry a constructive approach, can-do attitude, a sense of humor, and authentic kindness wherever you go

The strongest candidates will also demonstrate the following experience, skills and competencies:

- Bilingual
- Ability to meet tight deadlines.

To Apply

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The Sierra Club values applicants who are people that identify as Black, Indigenous, and other minoritized groups; women; queer, transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender fluid people.

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