PART 1: ABOUT WRI

WRI is a global research organization that spans more than 50 countries, with offices in the Brazil, China, Europe, India, Indonesia, and the United States. Our more than 450 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain our natural resources—the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

WRI was recently voted the #1 Environmental Think Tank and #2 Energy Think Tank in the world and is consistently recommended by staff as one of the “most desired organizations to work for.” In 2014, WRI was ranked one of the Top Workplaces by the Washington Post.

Part 2: Overview

The World Resources Institute (WRI) is seeking a Schneider Fellow to be a part of the Charge initiative. WRI’s signature program on electricity seeks to transform electricity markets through planning tools and customer demand so that economic development is powered with clean, affordable electricity.

The Fellow will provide critical research and analysis supporting the Charge Initiative’s work to expand large-scale renewable energy and energy access across three geographies – India, East Africa, and the US. The Fellow will gain unparalleled geographic and subject matter experience by working across WRI’s global Energy team and in collaboration other WRI programs such as the Building Efficiency Center housed in the Ross Center for Sustainable Cities. The Fellow will focus on the Charge initiative’s efforts to address ineffective regulatory models, limited consumer options, poor governance, and commonly held misconceptions on renewable energy.

The Fellow will assist with Charge’s East Africa work on integrating clean energy entrepreneurs with the larger utility sector. The team is developing and piloting new regulatory and planning models, including characterizing and mapping demand for electricity, in order to drive delivery of clean, affordable and reliable electricity at scale through energy entrepreneurs. The Fellow will assist with researching how entrepreneurs might be better integrated and convening utilities, regulators, clean energy entrepreneurs and civil society partners to explore solutions.

The Fellow will also participate in Charge's US strategy, centered on enabling large energy buyers from the Fortune 500 leverage their demand to create affordable renewable energy options in traditionally regulated states. By using these buyers as first movers, utilities can pilot options that then create opportunities for other customers. Finally, the Fellow will support Charge’s work in India in both of these work streams, combining the approaches taken in both the US and East Africa.

The Fellow will demonstrate leadership through problem solving, make significant contributions to electricity market research, write blogs and case studies, support data collection & analysis. The Fellow will report to the Director of Utility Innovation for the Charge initiative.

Part 3: Responsibilities

- Help communicate complex topics related to electricity market function in a manner that is understandable to nontechnical audiences.
- Research and document emerging trends and best practices in powering development with renewable energy in developed and developing markets.
- Conduct literature reviews and synthesize research findings.
- Help develop analytical frameworks for research; collect and analyze simple and moderately complex data according to the framework.
- Exercise some discretion in identifying research sources and analytical methods.
• Effectively manage own workflow after ensuring understanding of expectations
• Draft blogs, research papers, and power point slide decks to communicate key findings of research in a compelling way.
• Contribute to coordination and planning of events, conferences and meetings.
• Support online and email outreach for program projects.

Part 4: Qualifications

Required:

• An undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in energy systems or policy, international relations/development, business, environmental studies/science, or a related field.
• Experience or understanding of energy access or sustainable development issues.
• Understanding of energy or electricity policy and renewable energy issues.
• Robust research, analysis, organizational, and communication skills.
• Ability to work well in an international team, manage multiple priorities, take initiative, and deliver under tight deadlines.
• Authorization to work in the U.S.

Preferred:

• Knowledge of electricity markets in US, India, or East Africa preferred.

Location: Washington, DC

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Established in 1982, WRI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization respected globally by policymakers, non-governmental organizations, and corporate leaders.

WRI’s reputation is grounded in its excellent analysis, non-partisan approach, and high-impact results. We measure our success based on how our work helps to create real-world change on the ground—and approach we call “Managing for Results.”

WRI’s work is united by and driven by our values: Innovation, Integrity, Urgency, Independence, and Respect.

WRI fosters a culture of innovative ideas, working collaboratively, and thinking independently. WRI employees are driven by the organization’s mission and have the satisfaction of helping to create a more prosperous and healthy planet.

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