

Climate Change Strategy Intern

Fall/Winter 2019

Trickle Up is looking for an intern to support the development of our strategy on climate change. Climate change is a critical factor that already is and will have major implications for people living in extreme poverty around the world. While we integrate a number of measures into our programs to support participants' adaptation to climate change, we are developing a climate change strategy to ensure this work is systematic and follows best practice, to set standards for how we communicate the link between climate change and our goals of sustainably reducing extreme poverty, and to guide action related to our organization's own carbon footprint. We seek an intern to support the research and writing required for developing this strategy.

Trickle Up provides a friendly and flexible work environment. It is preferred that the intern be based at Trickle Up's headquarters, in New York City, but remote working arrangements will be considered depending on the profile of the applicant. This is an unpaid internship position.

Scope of work

With oversight from the Senior Director of Evaluation, Research and Learning, the intern is expected to undertake the following activities:

- Review other NGOs' strategies or policies related to climate change, and suggest revisions to Trickle Up's draft outline of its strategy based on such review.
- Undertake desk research on the link between climate change and poverty both generally and specifically in the three main regions of Trickle Up's operations. Draft summaries of existing and expected implications of climate change on Trickle Up's target populations by region.
- Develop a summary of existing climate change adaptation and mitigation practices within Trickle Up's and our partners' programs, and document any significant learning to date from these practices. This is expected to require direct communication with Trickle Up's field staff.
- Support the drafting of Trickle Up's climate change strategy, including facilitating processes to seek feedback from relevant staff. Key components expected are:
 - Messaging standards related to climate change, in collaboration with Trickle Up's communications team.
 - Minimum and desirable program standards related to climate change, in collaboration with Trickle Up's program staff.

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- Standards related to Trickle Up's own carbon footprint, including travel and resource usage by Trickle Up's offices.
- Resourcing (fundraising) strategy to support Trickle Up to realize the strategy.

Learning objectives

By the end the internship, the intern is expected to:

- Gain exposure to the economic development and poverty alleviation field.
- Deepen knowledge related to the intersection between poverty and climate change, and practices used by NGOs to support adaptation and mitigation.
- Gain professional experience in working collaboratively to develop organizational strategies.

Requirements

- Have a relevant graduate degree (or be currently enrolled in a graduate program or have equivalent relevant experience).
- Have a deep interest in and concern for issues related to climate justice.
- Have excellent writing and rigorous analytical skills.
- Enjoy working collaboratively and with minimal supervision.
- Be able to commit between 3 and 6 months, at least 15 hours per week (exceptions to this will be considered based on the profile of the applicant).
- Fluency in French and/or Spanish is a big plus.

Application procedures

Please send a cover letter and resume to Jo Sanson at jsanson@trickleup.org, indicating "Climate Change Internship Application" in your subject line.

We hope to fill this position by mid-September, but applications will be considered on a rolling basis until filled. Applicants with the required skills will be contacted for interviews; *please do not call*. Thank you for your interest in Trickle Up!