

ClimateWorks Foundation Position Description

Program Strategist, Food and Agriculture

About the Organization

ClimateWorks Foundation (CWF) is a global non-governmental organization that partners with leading funders to be more strategic, efficient, and effective in their response to global climate change. The organization offers a suite of services:

- **Provides a Global View:** CWF aggregates, synthesizes, and presents emissions data and political, social, technical, and economic analyses in a way that offers insights for climate philanthropy. These insights help funders prioritize opportunities to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, develop strategies that are robust under different future scenarios, adapt strategies to changing conditions, and track progress towards climate goals.
- **Develops Strategies and Makes Grants:** CWF collaborates with partners globally to develop portfolios of philanthropic investments designed to achieve large-scale greenhouse gas emissions reductions. With their partners, CWF evaluates insights from a wide range of sources, develops informed strategies, and clusters strategies into diversified, high-impact portfolios for philanthropic investment. CWF makes strategic grants that support transnational initiatives and organizations addressing climate change in critical parts of the world. They then monitor progress and apply candid assessments to drive learning and improvement.
- **Facilitates Funder Collaboration:** CWF facilitates collaboration among influential philanthropic funders—creating opportunities for them to interact with their peers, compare strategies, generate ideas, and coordinate investments that target the biggest drivers of global climate change.
- **Grows Climate Philanthropy:** CWF helps increase the number of foundations working to address climate change and grow the overall size of philanthropic investment directed towards climate action. Central to this effort is the organization's work with funders to help them evaluate investment opportunities that are aligned with their interests and priorities, and to connect them to like-minded peers.

As experts in climate science, public policy, economic and social analysis, and strategic philanthropy, CWF's staff understands the multi-faceted challenges and opportunities of climate change. We are researchers, strategists, collaborators, organizers, and grantmakers who care passionately about the mission. For more information, please visit www.climateworks.org.

Scope of Work:

The Program Strategist, Food and Agriculture is a one-year position that will be responsible for the development of strategies for ClimateWorks Foundation and GO BIG as it relates to food and agriculture climate mitigation opportunities. A key goal of the position is to be a primary resource to the funding community and ultimately provide credible and compelling investment recommendations to funding partners (current and prospective) regarding climate mitigation strategies in the food and ag space on a global basis. S/he will establish and cultivate productive relationships with internal and external experts, organizational partners, policymakers, and funders to explore, develop, fund, and implement strategies.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Create a strategic roadmap to ClimateWorks Foundation and the GO BIG campaign for how food and agricultural strategies and investment opportunities can dramatically mitigate climate change.

Specifically, the Program Strategist, Food and Agriculture will be responsible for the following:

- Build an overarching framework for how philanthropy can productively engage in mitigating climate change through a diverse set of strategies and interventions in the food and agricultural space.
- Direct research, identify priorities and provide guidance to partners and colleagues regarding climate change and its intersection with food and ag strategies.
- Translate for ClimateWorks Foundation and the GO BIG campaign realistic and actionable plans such as a research agenda, pathways for interventions, evaluation strategies, etc. as they relate to food and ag climate strategies.
- As appropriate, help organize and execute effective convenings with funders and NGOs interested and/or engaged in food and ag climate issues.
- Work across ClimateWorks'/GO BIG's departments and teams to provide strategic guidance as to how food and ag focused climate strategies can help advance ambitious and necessary climate goals (e.g. as they relate to 2050 targets).
- Serve as ClimateWorks and GO BIG's internal subject matter expert on food and ag issues as they relate to climate.
- Identify, develop, propose and advocate for credible and compelling funding opportunities.
- Act as a liaison between ClimateWorks/GO BIG and the Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA) with respect to food and ag strategies and issues and ensure CLUA is informed and consulted regarding strategies and convenings.
- Generate innovative strategies and approaches to address and persuade constituencies with varying interests and objectives to support and adopt smart strategies and climate interventions in the food and ag space.

Requirements:

The successful applicant will have the following minimum qualifications:

- Strong academic credentials (an advanced degree is strongly preferred); substantial knowledge of food and ag issues as they relate to climate mitigation.
- Knowledge of, and experience working with, relevant stakeholder communities – experts, policy makers, funders, etc. – on an international basis.
- A practical view of issues and understanding of the perspectives that drive public, private and philanthropic organizations.
- Deep experience in the philanthropic sector, including serving as a grantmaker.
- Ability to articulate strong, clear positions that may be different from the prevailing view and to generate innovative strategies and/or approaches to address and persuade constituencies with varying interests and objectives.
- A global outlook and the sensibility to empathize with, and adjust to, different cultures.
- Commitment to the mission and values of ClimateWorks Foundation and GO BIG.

To Apply

ClimateWorks Foundation is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes a diverse candidate pool. The Foundation recognizes diversity as an asset essential to accomplishing its work and views diversity as encompassing differences in race and gender, as well as age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, job skills, education, and geographic location. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

To be considered, please submit your resume and a cover letter expressing your passion for the mission and fit for the role to: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d0b16663bbb54729ab41d12d39092e4e>