



WASHINGTON
POLICY CENTER
Job Description

Agriculture Policy Research Director

Washington Policy Center (WPC) is a non-profit, independent public policy think tank that works to improve the lives of Washington state's citizens by providing high-quality and innovative solutions for policymakers, the media and the general public. We have a statewide staff of 20, an annual budget of \$3.5 million, and offices located in Seattle, Olympia, Tri-Cities and Spokane. We hold approximately 50 events per year ranging from exclusive gatherings, conferences and lunches for 200-300 and our Annual Dinner with more than 2,000 attendees.

WPC's research centers are the core of the organization. We focus on key areas including Agriculture, Education, Environment, Health Care, Government Reform, Small Business, Transportation and Worker Rights/labor reform issues.

WPC's Agriculture Director provides in-depth research, analysis and insight on the key issues facing this critical part of our state's economy. This includes tracking and analyzing legislation, closely following agriculture policy issues around the state and country, writing policy briefs, commentary, and opinion-editorials, media appearances as the key spokesperson for WPC on Ag issues, public speaking engagements and other assignments as necessary to educate and inform lawmakers and citizens. The Agriculture Director reports directly to and works in concert with the WPC Environmental Director and also works closely with the Eastern Washington Director, Vice President for Research and the President of the organization.

Key Responsibilities:

- Ability to research and understand complex agriculture public policy issues
- Track and communicate agricultural, water and natural resources issues to citizens, lawmakers and the media throughout the state
- Provide consistent, accurate research, including studies, commentary, op-eds and recommendations to improve agricultural economy in Washington state
- Media appearances and public speaking engagements
- Coordinate messaging and work with WPC Environmental Director
- Manage Agriculture annual operating budget
- Work closely with WPC Agricultural Advisory Board

Key Requirements:

- Understand and support our mission to promote free-market solutions through research and education in Washington state
- Knowledgeable about agriculture and water issues in Washington, understanding its critical role in state's economy
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office products including Word and Excel
- Proficient writing skills
- Experience writing opinion-editorials, appearing on radio/television preferred
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Travel in-state and occasional national conferences

Details/Benefits:

- Start date: Late Fall 2018 or January 2019
- Full time: Hours: 8:30-5:00pm, M-F (some evenings for scheduled events)
- Vacation: 2 weeks paid (after 3 months)
- Holidays: 11 paid holidays a year
- Benefits: 90% employer-paid health (medical/dental/vision) insurance for employee, 80% for dependents
- Employer matched 401(k) plan when eligibility requirements met
- Salary: Depends on Experience (\$50,000 - \$60,000)
- Location: WPC Tri-Cities or Spokane Offices

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to:
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