



Fellowship Program: 2014-2016 Job Description

Every day, powerful people are making decisions that affect our health, our safety and our future. In Civics 101, we're taught these decisions should be based on the public interest: that's how a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is supposed to work. Yet in the real world, on issue after issue, we see powerful interests corrupting the democratic process, twisting public policy to serve their own ends, all too often at the public's expense.

That's where U.S. PIRG comes in. Powerful corporations have their lobbyists. We advocate on behalf of the public. We recruit and train activists, organizers and advocates to document the problems, find practical solutions, inform the public, and make the case to decision-makers. And when powerful special interests stand in the way, we mobilize ordinary citizens to make their voices heard in city halls, state capitols, regulatory agencies, Congress, the White House or wherever it will make a difference.

This year, we're focused on a wide range of issues, including:

- *Health care:* The cost of health care is skyrocketing. It's time for insurers to deliver the care we pay for, and we can empower consumers through the new health care marketplace.
- *Democracy:* Money isn't speech. Corporations aren't people. We're building a national movement to overturn the Citizen United decision and to get big money out of politics.
- *Tax loopholes:* Hiding company profits overseas to avoid paying taxes may not be illegal, but it sure isn't right. We're working to close corporate tax loopholes and make sure that the companies that do well in America, do well by America.
- *Transportation:* It's time to build a transportation system for the 21st century. We're calling for greater investments in high-speed rail, public transit and a clean break from the car-centered, fossil-fuel driven policies of the past.

As a PIRG Fellow, you can make an immediate difference.

- You'll get the training you need to do the research, advocacy and grassroots organizing it takes to win campaigns.
- You'll work side-by-side with experienced staff in one of our 30 state campaign offices.
- After two years on the front lines, tackling important problems and pushing for smart solutions you'll have the skills and experience it takes to become a leader with us, or other organizations working to make change happen.

When U.S. PIRG Fellows fight for the public, we stand up to some of America's most powerful special interests, from Wall Street to Big Oil, from Big Pharma to Super PACs. We're the Davids; they're the Goliaths. Yet when we work hard, work smart and work together, we can overcome the most powerful opposition and win concrete results that improve the lives of thousands, sometimes millions, of people.

Qualifications:

- Strong work ethic
- Outstanding verbal and written communication
- Proven leadership skills
- Strong commitment to getting results
- Passion for social change
- We value experience with campus groups or student government, and academic achievement

Salary & Benefits

In an entry-level position, you will earn \$24,500 over the course of your first year with U.S. PIRG and \$26,000 in your second. Salary for experienced candidates is commensurate with relevant professional experience. In addition, full-time staff can opt in to our fully-covered state health care coverage, are eligible for paid sick days and vacation days, can apply for our college loan assistance program, and are also eligible to join our 401(k) program in their second year.

Find out more

Find out more information at www.uspirg.org/jobs. If you have any questions you can contact Sarah Mitnick, U.S.PIRG Recruitment Director, at 617-747-4370 or jobs@uspirg.org.

How To Apply

Apply online at uspirg.org/apply

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