

Program Coordinator: Campus Climate Advocacy

The program coordinator for campus climate advocacy is a position with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS), which works broadly across college campuses with a focus on Anabaptist colleges. The coordinator will engage regularly with college and graduate students across the Mennonite universities. The coordinator will organize interested students in climate advocacy – which will include but not be limited to facilitating meetings with policymakers (local, state, and federal); letter writing and other written advocacy; low-time-investment actions like phone calls in which students with limited time could engage; and organizing demonstrations or organized action.

Additionally, the advocacy coordinator will be expected to expand CSCS’s climate advocacy work, establishing broad climate policy principles, establishing relationships with fellow advocacy organizations, and engaging personally with key staff of federal policymakers in the states in which the universities are located. We especially encourage persons of color to apply. This is a contract position which is anticipated to be roughly equivalent to 10 hours/week.

Position Title:	Program Coordinator: Campus Climate Advocacy
Compensation:	\$9,000
Location:	Remote
Term Length:	Sept 1- Feb 28, 2023 if halftime; length adjusted if not halftime (for example, Sept 1-Dec 31 if ¾ time.)
Qualifications:	Writing and communication skills, ability to work with students, knowledge and experience in advocacy work, and a passion for climate issues all required. Ideally a student or recent graduate who has been engaged in activism and/or organizing for climate justice through campus or community-based organizations.
Responsibilities:	<p>Organizing - 60% The coordinator will help students and CSCS staff inspire and equip students on Anabaptist campuses to be involved with climate advocacy.</p> <p>Writing/Resource creation- 30% The coordinator will help create resources to expand the Center’s engagement with climate advocacy, especially on college campuses. The coordinator will write articles for the CSCS website and other publications.</p> <p>Ideation/Assistance - 10% The coordinator will help CSCS staff come up with ideas to engage more deeply with climate advocacy as an organization.</p>

Additional information

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Additionally, the advocacy coordinator will be expected to expand CSCS's climate advocacy work, developing a process for signing organizational sign-on letters, establishing broad climate policy principles, establishing relationships with fellow advocacy organizations, and engaging personally with key staff of federal policymakers in the states in which the Mennonite universities are located.

Young adults attending the Mennonite universities are a demographic often-forgotten in church programming. CSCS has established itself as a trusted facilitator of climate action among the Mennonite universities through programs like its Campus Climate Ambassadors program. This position would continue to develop CSCS's relationship with the universities and the students who are concerned about climate change.

This program directs youth energy toward climate advocacy, channeling a potential source of collective action for climate solutions in the political sphere. Following a recent history of youth advocacy within the environmental movement, this position targets an untapped source of energy and action within the Mennonite church institutions. Undergirding this position is an Anabaptist ethic, which shapes how the coordinator and future student advocates engage with climate policies.

CSCS will provide oversight for the person who takes this position, in partnership with Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office, which will provide consultation and training on climate policy issues.