

WASH Advocates

Safe drinking water and sanitation for all

Position description: Research Associate, WASH Advocates

WASH Advocates is the successor organization to Water Advocates, the first independent, full-time advocacy organization within the United States dedicated to increasing the amount and effectiveness of funding for safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in developing countries. WASH Advocates (WA) seeks to substantially increase awareness of the global WASH challenge and the amount and effectiveness of US public and private funding directed to this crisis.

Advocacy for WASH still pales in comparison to other international development causes. WA supports the US WASH community in moving the US Government and US citizens into a stronger global leadership position on safe drinking water and sanitation on several fronts, including the level of international development assistance; general awareness of the global water and sanitation crisis; sustainability of WASH programming; private and corporate philanthropic efforts; prioritization of WASH within the US Department of State and USAID; and the integration of WASH and other global development activities.

Description:

The Research Associate reports to the CEO and supports the work of the CEO and the four directors. He/she will contribute to meeting WASH Advocates' goals and objectives as well as those set forth in the WASH sector. The primary duties of the Research Associate include:

- Draft/edit documents including but not limited to newsletters, press releases, talking points;
- Provide technical and administrative support where applicable;
- Conduct literature reviews and draft proposals and other deliverables;
- Draft and edit website content and update organization website;
- Attend WASH sector meetings, hill briefings, and other relevant events;
- Utilize external resources to supplement, organize, and contribute to tasks and projects;
- Collect, compile, validate, interpret, and analyze data and trends using standard practices and techniques.

Desired Skills

- Minimum of one year of professional experience in a related field;
- Sound understanding of basic WASH issues; on-the-ground experience working with water and sanitation solutions in developing countries;
- Experience conducting research and report writing;
- Work well across borders, cultures, and languages
- Bachelor's Degree in relevant field (Masters degree preferred)

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- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; superior organizational skills; high level of attention to detail, self-motivated, team player with the ability to coordinate multiple projects and deadlines.

Successful completion of a writing test will be required.

This is a full-time exempt position located in Washington, DC. Salary range is commensurate with experience. WASH Advocates is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action employer that is committed to diversity in the workplace. Please send résumé and cover letter to Elynn Walter at ewalter@WASHinitiative.org. No phone calls please.