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PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM 

Job Title:	Senior Research Analyst, Transportation Innovation
Organization:	Environmental Law & Policy Center
Location:	Chicago, IL
Stipend:	\$67,500 with health insurance for the fellow, professional development funds, and relocation allowance
Start Date:	September 4, 2018

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is the Midwest's leading public interest environmental legal advocacy and eco-business innovation organization, and among the nation's leaders. We develop and lead strategic environmental advocacy campaigns to improve environmental quality and protect our natural heritage. We are public interest environmental entrepreneurs who engage in creative business dealmaking with diverse interests to put into practice our belief that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together. ELPC's multidisciplinary staff of 45 talented public interest attorneys, environmental business specialists, policy advocates, and communications specialists brings a strong and effective combination of skills to solve environmental problems and improve the quality of life in our communities. ELPC's headquarters is in Chicago, and we have offices in eight other cities throughout the Midwest and in Washington, DC. See www.elpc.org.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Transportation use and technology are changing rapidly with the advent of electric vehicles, ride-hailing applications, driverless cars, and car sharing, and public transit ridership is declining as a result. Public policy needs to keep pace with these changes in order to address climate change, land use, and equity challenges. Done right, these innovations will reduce greenhouse gas pollution, support clean power generation by using car batteries as grid-level power storage, and expand the reach of public transit. Done wrong, they will risk exacerbating congestion, increasing sprawl, and leaving stranded public transit assets unable to meet the public's needs.

ELPC seeks to hire a Senior Research Analyst to help guide public policies to encourage the former rather than the latter. The analyst will work in ELPC's downtown Chicago headquarters and report to ELPC's Deputy Director and Senior Law Fellow. S/he also will work closely with other transportation team members.

The analyst will research the quickly changing, interrelated fields of vehicle technology, power grid storage, vehicle ownership/use, and land use policy. The analyst will help ELPC identify and execute opportunities to advance environmental goals in this field before city, state, and federal regulatory agencies, including public utility commissions and the US Department of Transportation.

At the project's completion, the analyst will have gained substantive professional experience in policy analysis, advocacy, strategic analysis, and communications and will have also developed expertise in the

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particular field of new transportation technologies and policy. This experience can be applied toward future positions in environmental advocacy, consulting, or government.

Key duties and responsibilities:

- Conduct research on vehicle technology, power grid storage, and vehicle ownership/use;
- Compile and evaluate best practices at regional, state, and local levels to address this rapidly changing field;
- Create fact sheets, web content, reports, infographics, and other materials to inform policymakers and the public;
- Write testimony that will be presented before legislative and regulatory bodies;
- Forge and manage relationships with key national, state, and local stakeholders; and
- Develop and execute strategies for coalition-building, campaign development, and communications to promote adoption of best practices by governing bodies throughout the Midwest.

QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- An understanding of public policy and its development;
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including the ability to translate complex issues into persuasive prose;
- Excellent research, critical analysis, and problem-solving skills;
- An inspired and demonstrated commitment to environmental protection; and
- The ability to work productively with a fast-paced team of skilled professionals.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program:
www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: March 14, 2018, 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time