
Urban Waters Ambassador - Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Helping the residents of the New York and New Jersey realize the benefits of the Clean Water Act requires skilled and innovative professionals. Diverse interests, public health concerns, complex ecologies, and changing climate are just some of the challenges of this unique urban environment. The Hudson River Foundation (HRF) has an opening for an Urban Waters Ambassador to work with the Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds Urban Waters Federal Partnership and the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP) to address these challenges.

HRF is committed to serving the diverse communities of the Hudson River and to facilitating an ongoing and inclusive dialogue with scientists, managers, policy makers, other stakeholders, and the general public to address the environmental and societal challenges facing the community of the Hudson River and Watershed. We seek to enhance this work by supporting researchers, students and a Foundation staff with the unique and varied backgrounds, circumstances, needs, and perspectives of the community we serve, to achieve a workplace that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and just.

The [Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#) (UWFP) brings together federal agencies, local and state government, and leading community organizations to support watershed revitalization efforts through ecological restoration, green infrastructure, monitoring, recreational programs, and environmental education. The Ambassador will work closely with the HEP Program Director and the UWFP leaders locally in the Bronx and participate in the UWFP's national network. The Ambassador will be responsible for connecting federal agencies, local government, scientific/technical expertise, and financial and other resources with the needs of local communities; working with these interests to identify priorities for watershed revitalization and environmental justice; and supporting planning and data collection to achieve those priorities. Specific duties include scheduling regular meetings and conference calls among the partners; undertaking research and planning projects with partners; tracking/reporting progress; pursuing a communications and engagement strategy; and building relationships and capacity to lay a foundation of continued success.

Required qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in natural resources, environmental science, urban planning, public policy, or a related field and at least two years of relevant work experience;
- Excellent organizational, communication, writing, and research skills;
- Experience with urban community organizing, environmental science/management, or public engagement.

Desired qualifications:

- Strong familiarity with the communities and environmental justice issues of the Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds;
- Ability to communicate in Spanish, including reading and writing;
- Proficiency in GIS, spreadsheet, database, presentation, or design software.

Salary/Benefits/Location: \$45,000 - \$ 55,000 annually with excellent health and other benefits. This is a full-time position of one to two years, with a possibility of renewal subject to funding. Position based in lower Manhattan and the Bronx.

Application Process: Interested candidates should send a letter describing your specific interest and goals for the position and your resume as a single PDF document to resumes@hudsonriver.org by November 12, 2021, with the following subject line: Bronx & Harlem River Ambassador. No phone calls please.

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