Job Description – Nuclear Innovation Intern
Summer 2024

The Nuclear Innovation Alliance (NIA) is an independent not-for-profit organization working to encourage entrepreneurialism, accelerated innovation, and commercialization of advanced nuclear technologies to mitigate climate change. Its mission includes reducing or eliminating barriers to advanced reactor deployment, protecting public health and safety, enabling supportive policies, and coordinating efforts on policy and commercialization. Through technical, market, and policy analysis, research, convening, and education, NIA informs legislative and regulatory reform as well as programs to bring advanced reactors to market. NIA is funded primarily through charitable grants and philanthropic donations.

The NIA also hosts The Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp (NIB). The annual NIB introduces select students and early career professionals to advanced nuclear power and the 21st century energy landscape. Over the span of two weeks, participants engage in multi-disciplinary classes and workshops delivered by a broad array of presenters, all while developing group ventures that are ultimately pitched to industry leaders.

Job Description:

NIA seeks a highly motivated intern to join the Danielle Emche Internship Program and contribute to NIA projects and other activities, including the NIB. The ideal candidate has strong analysis and written communications skills, the ability to understand a technically complex field, and a desire to contribute to climate mitigation. Experience and familiarity with government or industry related to nuclear power is desired, but not required. This position will assist NIA Staff on event coordination, project research, analysis, report writing, advocacy, and stakeholder engagement.

Reporting to the Analyst(s) and Operations Manager, the Nuclear Innovation Intern will be responsible for completing one project on their own and contributing to NIA projects, events, and stakeholder engagement. Possible project areas include:

- Innovative licensing strategies for commercial nuclear reactors in the United States
- Modernizing Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulation of advanced reactors
- Financing and investor engagement
- RDD&D policy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and other federal agencies
- Advanced nuclear energy’s role in deep decarbonization
- Federal and state-level policy inclusion of advanced reactors
- Advanced nuclear fuel cycle analysis, including high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU)
- Encouraging entrepreneurship
- Commenting on proposed federal actions
- Organizing NIA workshops and webinars
Responsibilities:
Research, writing, and data analysis

- Perform project-related research, analysis, and reporting (with oversight)
- Assist Analyst(s) and Operations Manager in the substance, organization and logistics of NIA workshops, meetings, and events
- Assist with stakeholder engagement, including interactions with advanced nuclear companies, industry organizations, NGOs, government agencies, donors, and utilities
- Cover meetings, hearings, and events for NIA

Communications, Administration and Organization

- Assist in communications and outreach, including social media and website
- Assist with the Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp
- Assist with organizing NIA workshops, webinars, and other activities as needed

Qualifications:

- Pursuing a degree in engineering, environmental sciences, energy policy, economics, public policy, sociology, government affairs, or related field
- Interest in and enthusiasm for advanced nuclear power as a climate mitigation solution
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Research and analytic skills to contribute to research reports, white papers, regulatory comments, and other analysis under supervision
- Commitment to treating others with consideration and respect, consistent with a positive work environment
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail

Commitment and Compensation:

NIA is looking for a full-time or part-time intern to complete 20-40 hours of work per week during the summer of 2024. Compensation will be $20/hour for a maximum of 40 hours per week. Hours may be added by mutual agreement.

Job Location:

- Flexible. NIA currently has an office between Farragut Square and Dupont Circle, in Washington D.C. that most staff use on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Interested candidates should submit through THIS LINK by November 4th at 11:59 PM ET.

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Nuclear Innovation Alliance is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusion and diversity. Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to: age, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, Veteran status, marital or family status, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local law.