

Anam Circle Think Tank Junior Analyst Position Description

Anam Circle is an interdisciplinary and intergenerational community-based public policy think tank and innovation lab that provides policy analysis and research for community groups and local governments in the Greater Capital District of New York and surrounding regions. We provide thought leadership, applied problem solving, policy analysis and research, policy innovations, community assessments, strategic planning, scenario planning, table top simulation exercises, community education, mobilization and engagement; environmental governance; and technical assistance and capacity building to advance environmental, social and economic sustainability and resilience in local urban, rural and coastal communities. Anam Circle's work can be used to guide important and timely policy decisions and to make better evidence-based decisions. We specialize in systems analysis, systemic change, nonlinear "wicked problems", participatory community engagement and behavior-based human dimensions (attitudes, norms, frames, narratives and behaviors). Anam Circle is an initiative of the Anam Earth Center for Sustainability and Culture, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization.

Anam Circle engages talented and capable undergraduate and graduate students as junior analysts to work collaboratively with experienced policy fellows and senior policy analysts to examine the environmental, social, economic and governance dimensions of current and future public policies. Anam Circle analysts and fellows are trained in advanced public policy analysis, research skills, report writing and participatory public engagement.

Junior Analyst Position Description: Under the direction of a Policy Fellow or Senior Policy Analyst, Junior Analysts work collaboratively in small teams to conduct policy research, collect data and provide analysis of the environmental, social, economic and governance issues as a service to community groups, local governments and other public and community agencies. Specific projects may include: (1) conducting data collection and policy research; (2) Conducting policy analysis; (3) generating policy reports based on the findings of the research and analysis; (4) host town hall meetings and other public engagement activities to inform and mobilize local leaders, officials and community members; (5) engage the community in participatory planning processes; and (5) provide technical assistance and training for capacity building.

Qualifications: Undergraduate or graduate student status, and working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree; excellent written and verbal communication skills; some completed coursework in public policy, environmental sciences or social sciences; excellent computer skills; and a strong interest in one or more public policy issues.

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