



## Senior Policy Director China Program

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## China Program

China's fast growing economy has been doubling every six years - but with rapid economic growth has come huge environmental problems. China is now the world's leading greenhouse gas polluter. In 1996, the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) launched projects designed to cut sulfur dioxide pollution from power plants in several of China's cities and provinces using economic incentives. Since that time EDF's program has grown and is expanding further. EDF's current goals are to help China improve air and water quality, pull its people out of poverty, and join the global carbon trading market. EDF is working with the Chinese government, industries and individuals to create a multi-pollutant control strategy for coal-fired power plants; analyze and promote alternative energy sources; and facilitate projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture by expanding 'low-carbon farming'. EDF is also helping China strengthen enforcement of environmental protection laws and establish pilot carbon trading provincial-level programs. EDF's efforts also strive to green supply chains, expand 'Green Commuting', and encourage public participation in mitigating climate change.

To further these strategies, EDF's China Program seeks a **Senior Policy Director** to promote US-China collaboration in solving environmental problems and enhance the visibility of the China Program's work within the United States.

## Overall Function

The **Senior Policy Director, China Program** is the primary policy advisor to the Vice President of the China Program on U.S. aspects of our program. The Senior Policy Director will analyze and build understanding in the United States of Chinese energy policy, economic development, and environmental protection strategies as well as catalyze and leverage support in the U.S. for implementation of relevant policies and initiatives. The Senior Policy Director will also help position EDF's China Program in the U.S.-- building strategic alliances with diverse stakeholders--and advise on bi-lateral exchange and training efforts.

## Key Responsibilities

- Partner with the Vice President of EDF's China Program and the Vice President of U.S. Climate and Political Affairs to develop and implement a strategy to advance the goals of EDF's China

program from a U.S. policy and political perspective and with the Senior Vice President for Strategy and Communications on outreach;

- Lead decision-maker/stakeholder mapping, and identify and build strategic opportunities to advance U.S.-China energy and environmental protection goals and EDF's China Program in the United States, primarily through government agencies—focusing particularly on the U.S. federal government;
- Cultivate, manage and maintain relationships with leading policy-makers and decision-makers in Washington, D.C. including Members of Congress and their staff, and officials in the Executive branch as well as staff in administrative agencies in order to achieve programmatic goals;
- Maintain and grow a network of influential stakeholders to help achieve EDF China Program goals, including alliances with other organizations;
- Manage communications and promotion of information and educational exchanges to advance the goals of EDF's China program, including travel to China and within the United States;
- Serve as a liaison to EDF's Political Affairs Program in order to effectively engage EDF's supporters in advocating on behalf of the China Program;
- Serve as key external U.S. spokesperson for the China Program to decision and policy-makers;
- Serve as a strategic partner in the U.S. to EDF grantees, partners and funders;
- Liaise with NGO colleagues and seek opportunities to collaborate on projects where appropriate;
- Deeply understand and be able to represent EDF's China program strategy;
- Other duties as assigned.

## **Qualifications:**

- Minimum 10 years' proven experience in public policy development, promotion and implementation in government or through private sector government relations functions.
- Advanced degree in a related discipline.
- Deep knowledge of China and its political processes.
- Strategic and analytical thinker who partners effectively with diverse groups on the ground and who has the gravitas and personal agility to navigate a complex policy making process.
- Solid knowledge of the US legislative and executive branch operations, activities and personnel and US environmental and energy policy.
- Excellent research, written and oral communications, and analytical and organizational skills.
- Ability to work effectively independently as well as be a productive team member.
- Exceptional interpersonal and diplomatic skills with the ability to relate well to all levels of individuals.

**Location:** Washington, D.C. ideally.

**To Apply:** Interested applicants should submit their cover letter, resume and salary requirements to [jobs@edf.org](mailto:jobs@edf.org). Due to the volume of employment applications and queries received, EDF is unable to respond to each application individually. Applicants will be contacted directly if selected as a candidate.

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