Gridworks seeks a Research and Policy Intern to work on its initiatives relating to decarbonizing electricity grids. Gridworks’ mission is to convene, educate and empower stakeholders working to decarbonize electricity grids. Since 2010, Gridworks (formerly known as “More Than Smart”) has enabled this mission through four strategies: by identifying high-value challenges to decarbonizing electricity grids; convening stakeholders and providing them neutral ground, technical support and facilitation to identify break-through solutions to identified challenges; publishing and helping implement identified solutions; and adapting successful solutions to new markets. The successful candidate will conduct research, help coordinate workshops and conferences and contribute to efforts to advance policies that support the cost-effective integration of DERs into the grid.

The Intern will work with Gridworks staff and partners to conduct research and support our existing initiatives focused on decarbonizing electricity grids, including but not limited to: streamlined interconnection, development of new analytical tools, development of load shift products, and related grid planning. Gridworks facilitates workshops between key California and Hawaii stakeholders. The intern will assist in meeting facilitation, including meeting summaries, identification of action items, and drafting reports.

The Intern will also contribute to developing Gridworks’ communication strengths, including developing content for the website, newsletter, and social media outlets.

The fellowship is an exciting opportunity to apply research and analytical skills while interacting with energy experts from the private, public, academic and non-profit sectors.

The fellowship is located at Gridworks’ offices in Oakland, CA, 94612. This is a paid position.

Responsibilities:

- Assists in organizing and facilitating successful workshops related to decarbonizing electricity grids
• Regularly contribute content for Gridworks’ website, newsletter, and social media
• Conduct research on energy topics within Gridworks’ current initiatives, including but not limited to: community choice aggregation (CCA), hosting capacity analysis, Western regional efforts, locational value of DERs, resource adequacy, evolution of net energy metering, grid planning and grid modernization
• Track updates and attend workshops on Gridworks’ behalf related to relevant CPUC proceedings;
• Draft grant proposals and assist with fundraising efforts as needed;
• Support other Gridworks’ activities as needed

Qualifications:

This position requires research, analytical, communications and project management skills.

The successful candidate:

• Is working towards a Master’s Degree in a relevant field such as energy, public policy, engineering, etc.
• Has relevant prior work experience
• Demonstrates an ability to conduct research on policy-related questions using a range of quantitative and qualitative approaches, to document sources, and to communicate results accurately and objectively.
• Is an exceptional writer, and can communicate effectively through a range of written media including technical papers, blog posts, and e-mail correspondence.
• Is highly organized, motivated, and proactive.
• Has strong interpersonal skills.
• Has some familiarity with a range of technologies and policies related to DER and grid modernization, especially in California

Duration:

The position is for 3 months, with the possibility of extension depending on performance, project needs, and funding.

To Apply:

Please submit a current resume or CV, along with a cover letter that explains your qualifications and interest in the fellowship to dshields@gridworks.org