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#### **Executive Director**

The Guarini Center on Environmental, Energy and Land Use Law seeks to hire a full-time Executive Director to manage the Center and lead the Center's policy-relevant research, writing and outreach.

## About the Guarini Center

The Guarini Center, housed at NYU School of Law, is an academic research center that advances environmental and energy policies at the local and international levels to limit and adapt to climate change, and address other pressing environmental issues. Professors Richard Stewart and Katrina Wyman are the faculty directors of the Center. The Center's staff includes legal fellows with expertise in domestic and international environmental law, and part-time research assistants who are students at NYU School of Law.

Recent and ongoing Center activities at the local level include:

- proposing policies that cities can implement to decarbonize buildings notwithstanding state laws
  preempting local "gas bans," and filing an amicus brief in a case before the Ninth Circuit with
  implications for many subnational efforts to eliminate fossil fuel use in buildings;
- analyzing whether electrifying heating systems in multifamily buildings in New York City might increase rents for low-income tenants;
- analyzing the potential for New York City to implement a stormwater fee that could increase equity among NYC water and sewer ratepayers and could fund climate adaptation initiatives;
- analyzing the potential for cities to adapt their built environments to benefit both humans and wildlife in a warming world; and
- hosting webinars with New York City policymakers on universal composting and on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from food consumption.

At the international level, the Center currently is focused on providing assistance to the Alliance of Small Island States to facilitate its participation in the negotiations concerning a new international agreement to reduce plastic pollution. In conjunction with this work, the Center is producing research on small island developing states and plastic pollution, and hosting webinars on the negotiations.

To learn more about the Center, please visit the Center's website.

# Key Responsibilities

The Center's Executive Director will work closely with faculty directors Katrina Wyman and Richard Stewart. Key responsibilities of the Executive Director include:

• Initiating and executing policy-relevant environmental research and activities. These responsibilities entail writing research papers, op-eds and other publications, and supervising the research and writing of Center fellows and research assistants;

- Fundraising to support the work of the Center;
- Implementing joint initiatives with other centers at NYU Law and NYU;
- Hiring and working with legal fellows and student research assistants;
- Liaising with policymakers, environmental advocates, academic researchers, and funders;
- Overseeing the Center's budget and working with administrators at NYU Law and NYU to manage and administer the Center's sponsored programs;
- Organizing workshops, conferences and webinars; and
- Overseeing the Center's website and social media presence.

### Qualifications

A successful candidate will possess:

- A JD:
- Demonstrated experience in the field of environmental law. Experience working on environmental issues at the local level is preferred. An interest in international environmental law is essential, but prior experience in the field is not required or expected;
- Excellent research and writing skills;
- A high level of comfort with fundraising. Experience engaging with funders is preferred;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- Excellent organizational and budgeting skills;
- An interest in broadening the field of environmental law;
- An entrepreneurial attitude, as the position requires a self-starter.

# **Terms of Employment**

In compliance with NYC's Pay Transparency Act, the annual base salary range for this position is \$130,000-\$160,000. New York University considers factors such as (but not limited to) scope and responsibilities of the position, candidate's work experience, education/training, key skills, internal peer equity, as well as market and organizational considerations when extending an offer.

The Executive Director will be hired for an initial period of one (1) year, with the option to renew.

The Executive Director usually would be expected to be in the Center's offices, located in Greenwich Village, a minimum of four days a week.

This position comes with a competitive salary and a generous array of benefits, which include medical, dental and vision. Further information regarding benefits can be found here: <a href="http://www.nyu.edu/employees/benefit/full-time/Professional-Research-Staff-Code-103.html">http://www.nyu.edu/employees/benefit/full-time/Professional-Research-Staff-Code-103.html</a>.

## **Applications**

Interested applicants should submit: (1) a cover letter addressed to Katrina Wyman; (2) a resume; (3) a writing sample; (4) and names of three references through Interfolio using the following link: https://apply.interfolio.com/127796. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

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health decision making, sex, sexual orientation, unemployment status, veteran status, or any other legally protected basis. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.