# Climate Bonds Initiative - Vacancy

# Job: Standards Manager, Climate Bonds Standard & Certifications Scheme

Location: London Bridge

Salary: £40-42,000 depending on experience

Position: Full Time

Closing date: Sunday 9th July 2017

Interviews: Week of 17th July 2017

About the Climate Bonds Initiative

The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused NGO working to mobilise the $100 trillion global bond market for climate change solutions. The organisation is leading the development of innovative international climate finance solutions with global stakeholders including governments, investors and NGOs.

Our main work streams are green bond standards and certification, green bond data and market analysis, policy analysis, development and advocacy.

The role

Investor demand for Green Bonds & Climate Bonds is strong, and will increase in line with the delivery of quality products into the market. However, investor concerns about the credibility of green labelling are also growing. Standards, assurance & certification will be essential to improve confidence and transparency, and further strong growth in the market. The Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme (‘Standard & Certification Scheme’) delivers this.

The Standard & Certification Scheme is an easy-to-use tool that allows investors and intermediaries to assess the environmental integrity of bonds. Approved verifiers use it to check the environmental credentials of green bonds in order to recommend them for Certification. The Standard & Certification Scheme is backed by the Climate Bonds Standard Board of investor representatives, which collectively represents $34 trillion of assets under management.

Underpinning the Certification Scheme is a set of clear ‘green definitions’ and green Criteria that assets need to meet in order to be eligible for inclusion in a Certified Climate Bond. To date, we have certified $10 billion of bonds under the green definitions already developed, for buildings, transport, water infrastructure and various renewable energy.

We are seeking a Standards Manager to join our Standards team to manage the development of further green definitions and green Criteria across all other sectors of a green economy.

The ideal candidate

Our ideal candidate is someone who is keenly interested in the technologies, infrastructure and processes that will rapidly transition the global economy onto a 2C warming trajectory and has been following developments across all sectors for several years. They are proficient at managing expert groups to arrive at consensus on benchmark Criteria for climate-compatible assets and projects, and delivering materials that explain and support those decisions. They must enjoy working with both internal and external colleagues to push forwards various agendas simultaneously under ambitious time constraints.

We are seeking a self-starting, hands-on, motivated individual with experience and initiative and ideally previous experience in a rapidly growing and evolving organisation.

Responsibilities & key tasks

* Drive the development of green definitions in specified sectors. This includes:
  + Chair Technical Working Group (TWG) and Industry Working Group (IWG) meetings through which green definitions and Criteria will be determined.
  + Work with research staff to develop technical documents to facilitate and advance Criteria development and communication, and communications materials to engage the finance community to use these Criteria.
  + Manage relationships with key scientific and research partners to engage them in this process and raise understanding of climate-compatible investments.
  + Work with bond issuers to develop case studies to test draft green definitions.
* Work closely with the Head of Standards to shape the future development of the green definitions programme.
* Develop and support junior Standards Team members.
* Support the Certifications team by participating in discussions with bond issuers and verifiers to understand the nature of the assets they wish to be certified, and how the green definitions apply to those assets.
* Present the Climate Bonds Standard at industry and financial sector events to to raise awareness of green definitions and the latest climate science, and how these can feed into investment decision making.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential

* Eligible to work in the UK
* At least six years of relevant work experience
* Ability to manage diverse groups to achieve consensus
* *Ability to assimilate technical details into simplified outcomes that are scientifically robust and applicable in the finance sector*
* Detailed knowledge of climate change and solutions for a low carbon, climate resilient economy across a variety of sectors
* Experienced in maintaining and manage a network of professional relationships
* Ability to manage, coordinate and prioritise across multiple projects and timeframes
* Experience of managing a team
* Excellent English writing and oral skills
* Attention to detail

Desirable

* Knowledge of bond markets
* Masters’ degree in geography, environmental science or a related discipline
* Other languages

Next steps

More information on the Climate Bonds Initiative can be found at [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net)

Applications to [katie@climatebonds.net](mailto:katie@climatebonds.net?subject=Climate%20Bonds%20Standard%20%26%20Certification%20Support%20Officer), quoting reference ‘Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Support Officer’ in subject line.

Applications close Sunday 9th July 2017