

Climate Bonds Initiative - Vacancy

Role: Climate Science Program Manager
Location: London Bridge
Salary: £40-42,000 depending on experience
Position: Full Time
Closing date: Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis
Interviews: Week of 20th November 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, markets & data analysis, policy and market development, communications and advocacy.

Background to the Role

The Climate Bonds Standard and Certification Scheme is an international screening tool for investors and governments which allows them to easily prioritize climate and green bonds with confidence that the funds are being used to deliver climate change solutions. Standards, assurance & certification are a vital to investor confidence and market transparency, essential to achieving sustained global growth in green securities.

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, Climate Bonds have certified over USD 10 billion of bonds under the green definitions already developed, for buildings, transport, water infrastructure and various forms renewable energy.

We are seeking a Climate Science Program Manager to join our Standards team to manage the development of new green definitions and green Criteria across various sectors for a green and low carbon economy.

The Ideal Candidate

You will be someone who is keenly interested in the clean technologies, infrastructure and processes that will assist the transition of the global economy to meet the 2C warming goal agreed at COP21.

You will have the ability to gain an overview of a range of climate based technical information whilst managing the activities of expert and technical group processes.

While you won't need to be a subject matter expert, you will need to be able to lead complex development processes and achieve consensus outcomes on benchmark Criteria for climate-compatible assets and projects.

Delivering materials that explain and support those decisions is another aspect of the role, as is working with both internal and external colleagues to move multiple agendas under ambitious time constraints.

This is a challenging position in a newly evolving area, seeking to identify and develop new science based criteria and standards that become part of a wider framework.

We are seeking a motivated individual with strong analytical skills, project management experience and well-developed interpersonal skills.

Responsibilities & Key Tasks

- Drive the development of science based green definitions in specified sectors. This includes:
 - Chair & coordinate Technical Working Group (TWG) and Industry Working Group (IWG) meetings through which green definitions and Criteria will be discussed and determined.
 - Work with research staff to develop technical documents to facilitate and advance Criteria development, and liaise with communications staff developing materials to engage the finance community to use these Criteria.
 - Manage relationships with key scientific and research partners and assist in developing awareness around climate compatible investment issues
 - Work with bond issuers to develop case studies to test draft green definitions.
- Provide support to the Head of Standards to shape the future development of the green definitions programme.
- Support the Certifications team by liaising 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 raise awareness of green definitions, latest climate science, and how these can feed into investment decision making.
- Develop and support junior Standards team members.

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
- Broad knowledge of climate change, application of mitigation, adaptation and resilience concepts
- Broad knowledge of potential 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

- Masters' degree in geography, environmental science or a related discipline
- Knowledge of bond markets or other investment processes
- Other languages

Next Steps

More information on the Climate Bonds Initiative can be found at www.climatebonds.net.

Applications to Head of Operations claire.berson@climatebonds.net quoting reference 'Climate Science Program Manager' in subject line.

Applications close Monday 15th November 2017