



2026 SUMMER INTERNSHIP: COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

ABOUT RENEWABLE NORTHWEST

Renewable Northwest (RNW) is a regional nonprofit clean energy advocacy organization whose mission is to decarbonize the region by accelerating the transition to renewable electricity. Renewable Northwest serves four Northwest states – Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Member organizations include leading renewable energy businesses, environmental organizations, consumer groups and other renewable energy sector affiliates.

POSITION OVERVIEW

RNW has built a strong library of research, fact sheets, and communications materials, but a distribution gap means that content isn't consistently reaching the county commissioners, legislators, and partner organizations who need it most. As Communications Intern, you will own and execute targeted outreach campaigns, build the tracking infrastructure to measure their impact, and develop the social media presence that keeps RNW visible between campaigns. The Communications Intern will drive distribution strategy, produce campaign content, and turn engagement data into actionable insights.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design and execute communications campaigns on key topics (including land use in Oregon, battery energy storage systems, and state economic development)
- Assist with website content development and social media strategy for the launch of an Idaho county-based solar ordinance campaign
- Build and maintain an editorial calendar for RNW's LinkedIn, repurposing blogs and fact sheets into fresh content.
- Support RNW's website redevelopment process, including copyediting and ensuring brand alignment throughout.
- Track social media performance on a recurring basis and produce reports.
- Design digital communications assets including one-pagers, social media graphics, and branded templates as needs arise.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

This is an opportunity to build practical experience across campaign management, content strategy, and digital analytics. You'll work on real projects with real audiences, develop professional writing skills across a range of formats, and leave with a portfolio of finished work you can point to. Bonus: you'll also pick up substantive knowledge of the energy and land use policy issues shaping the region.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a program in Communications, Public Relations, Journalism, Environmental Studies, Public Policy, or a related field.
- Strong written communication skills.
- Organized, detail-oriented, and able to manage multiple tasks.
- Interest in environmental, energy, or land use policy topics.
- Basic graphic design skills using Canva or similar tools.

COMPENSATION

- This is a paid, temporary position at \$22/hour. This position will not exceed 40 hours per week.
- The length of the internship will vary depending upon school schedules, but is not expected to extend beyond 12 weeks. The summer intern position can be remote or hybrid, however the employee must be based in the Pacific Northwest - residing in Oregon, Washington, Montana or Idaho.

TO APPLY

To submit an application, send the following materials in or PDF format via email to admin@renewablenw.org:

- Cover Letter (Highlight your particular skills/experience as they relate to the duties and responsibilities outlined above)
- Resume
- Relevant writing sample – can include a blog post, press release, newsletter, op-ed, social media content, or academic writing sample.

Applicants must be authorized to work for any employer in the U.S. We are unable to sponsor or take over sponsorship of an employment Visa at this time.

Application Deadline: April 24th, 2026. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

Renewable Northwest values a diverse workplace and strongly encourages people from diverse backgrounds to apply for this position, including people of color, people with disabilities, immigrants, people with lived experience, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Renewable Northwest is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, A status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.