

Job Announcement

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Washington Maritime Blue Joint Innovation Project Manager

Location: Negotiable – Seattle, WA preferred

Closing Date: Open until filled with Priority Deadline of Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Compensation: \$85,000 - \$95,000

One year contract with possibility of extension, funding permitting

Direct Applicants Only – No Third-Party Agencies

****See below under Additional Information for how to apply****

Washington Maritime Blue

Washington Maritime Blue is a non-profit, strategic alliance formed to accelerate innovation and sustainability in support of an inclusive blue economy. With a mission to implement [Washington State's Strategy for the Blue Economy](#) delivered by Governor Jay Inslee's Maritime Innovation Advisory Council, we are a partnership between industry, public sector, research & training institutions, and community organizations. Maritime Blue works to create a world-class, thriving, equitable, and sustainable maritime and ocean industry through knowledge sharing, joint innovation, entrepreneurship, commercialization, business, and workforce development.

Joint Innovation Projects

Maritime Blue facilitates collaborative R&D, Joint Innovation Projects (JIPs), business development, and teaming for grant opportunities to implement demonstration projects and drive early-stage technology to commercialization. Modeling other global centers of excellence, we use the collective strength of our Cluster to implement the State's Strategy for the Blue Economy and collaborate to share resources, take advantage of funding mechanisms, and support strategic and feasibility planning.

Position Description

The Washington Maritime Blue Joint Innovation Project Manager will partner with the VP of Projects and Strategy to advance the development and implementation of Joint Innovation Projects, as well as support stakeholder management and partnership building. This role will be responsible for supporting members and partner organizations in the development and project management of key demonstration projects through a collaborative and whole systems design-process. The Project Manager will support public and private fundraising efforts, communications, contracting, research and reporting in coordination with project partners and

the Maritime Blue Leadership Team. This position will report to the VP of Project and Strategy and provide additional staff support for the Board of Directors Working Committee for Joint Innovation Projects.

Mobilizing and running joint innovation projects is a key requirement for achieving the state's strategy for the Blue Economy. Working together with members of the Maritime Blue, we are undertaking concrete initiatives to help demonstrate the technologies, business models and investment cases needed to bridge the gap to commercially viable innovations, such as zero emission vessels. Other projects include a focus on hydrogen production and use, offshore wind supply chain and stakeholder engagement, 5G enterprise network innovations, and more.

Qualifications

This is an opportunity for an individual with excellent project management experience to grow and further develop a proven program. The successful candidate will lead projects and support programs, work collaboratively with a large and diverse group of members, partners and stakeholders, and partner with the VP of Projects and Strategy on priorities. **Specific background and experiences preferred include:**

- Experience in project management and leadership preferably in the maritime, ocean, and/or clean technology sectors
- Highly organized and ability to wear multiple hats in an ambiguous, fast-moving environment; a driving force who manages toward clarity and solutions
- Strong project management skills managing complex, multifaceted projects resulting in measurable successes and program growth
- Excellent communication and coalition building skills with an ability to balance, negotiate, and work with a variety of internal and external stakeholders; high level of knowledge and understanding, especially as it relates to program replication, connecting programs to funding, creatively generating other resources, and building strategic partnerships
- Experience writing grants and coordinating proposal teams
- A successful track record in setting priorities, shaping processes, managing budgets, and developing an infrastructure that creates a stronger and more efficient organization
- A passionate and consummate team player with a flexible and creative approach
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a commitment to Washington Maritime Blue's mission and focus on the values of diversity, equity and inclusion

Working at Maritime Blue

You will feel prepared to take on this role if you have experience in:

- Working independently while maintaining effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, customers, and the general public
- Engaging multi-stakeholder/partner groups that are mission driven in order to successfully create and implement strategic and operational plans, deliver excellence in project development and planning
- Working effectively with colleagues and partners from the full range of differences reflected in our community, including but not limited to ableness/disability, age, economic/social class, English proficiency, race /ethnicity, family status, gender identity

and expression, national origin/citizenship status, religion/spiritual expression, and sexual orientation

You will be successful if you feel passionate about:

- Working for industry growth and investment, addressing climate action and ecological health, and equitable community development in the maritime and ocean sectors – the Blue Economy
- Working with multiple stakeholders, including: industry, government, research, non-profit and community leaders; labor organizations, tribes, elected officials, investors, educators, youth and co-workers

Your effectiveness in this role will depend on your ability to:

- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, while working in a fast-paced environment on a cross-functional team
- Use creative problem-solving and demonstrate exceptional results with limited resources
- Be efficient, resilient, and flexible
- Take a consultative and customer service-oriented approach to problem-solving
- Successfully manage competing priorities
- Work in an environment that is welcoming, open, transparent, curious, collaborative, challenging, results-driven, and fun!
- Create, nurture, and leverage deep relationships throughout the region's maritime, ocean, technology and manufacturing sectors along with a diversity of community and youth leaders

Work Environment

Washington Maritime Blue is headquartered in Seattle, WA with partners, stakeholders, projects and sites across the state of Washington. Remote work is supported with the expectation that staff are able to meet regularly in person as health and safety allow.

- Office Environment with occasional project site visits (exposure to computer screens)
- Must be able to travel domestically and internationally (when safe and appropriate)
- Noise level is usually moderate
- Must be able to comply with organizational vaccination requirement and mask mandate while in office

Benefits

- Flexible PTO; 96 hour annual minimum, no annual maximum
- 10 paid holidays plus December 24-31 holiday break
- Paid parental leave, 12 weeks
- Employer health care benefits with Regence - medical, dental, and vision
- Life Insurance
- Generous flexible spending account (FSA)
- 401(k) plans forthcoming

Commitment to Equity and Social Justice

Washington Maritime Blue is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace. This includes addressing institutional racism, sexism, ableism, and other forms of

systemic oppression and individual prejudice. This work is ongoing and continually adjusted to meet the needs of our staff and stakeholders. We seek employees who think critically about their own cultural lens and can communicate effectively with people of different backgrounds and abilities. An ideal candidate will be committed to providing equitable engagement to our stakeholders, community, and clients. We are looking to receive applications from individuals with diverse arrays of experiences. All applicants will have the opportunity to attend an information session with Maritime Blue staff to hear more about the organization, the position, and ask questions of the team.

Additional Information

To be considered for this position, **please submit a single pdf with a cover letter and resume to info@maritimeblue.org. Use the subject line and name the attached file using "Your Name_Joint Innovation Project Manager Position."** Applications will be read on a first-come-first-served basis and the position will remain open until filled. The priority deadline is Wednesday, January 26. In your cover letter, please describe how your knowledge, skills, and abilities prepare you for the job responsibilities and qualifications outlined in this job announcement.

Maritime Blue will be hosting an Informational Session regarding this position on Wednesday, January 12 from 1 - 2:30 PM. Advanced registration is required, Register for the info session here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclceGtpzwwjHNYGOpnV2-qTQoWOLYvNH95v>

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Who may apply

Washington Maritime Blue encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, veterans, and those with diverse life experience. This position is open to all qualified candidates that meet the minimum qualifications. Washington Maritime Blue values diverse perspectives and life experiences. Applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, ages, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Direct applicants only, please no third-party applications.

This position is a one-year contract with the possibility of extension contingent on funding.

Questions

Please Contact: devon@maritimeblue.org

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