



MINNESOTA STATE

Human Resources

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Job Class: SPA Manager Principal - Job Posting 27717
Working Title: Director of Federal Government Relations and Advocacy

Who May Apply: Open to all qualified job seekers

Date Posted: 10/29/2018

Closing Date: 11/13/2018

Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit: Minnesota State System Office/Managerial Plan

Division/Unit: Government Relations

Appointment Type: Temporary, Full-time

Work Shift/Work Hours: Day Shift

Days of Work: M-F

Travel Required: Yes – 20%

Salary Range: \$39.90 - \$57.23/hourly; \$83,311 - \$119,496/annually

Classified Status: Unclassified

Bargaining Unit/Union: 220 - Managerial Plan

FLSA Status: Exempt - Administrative

[Connect 700 Program Eligible:](#) No

Job Summary:

This position will last up to two years

The Director of Federal Government Relations and Advocacy is a key member of the Government Relations team, supporting the federal and state relations work throughout the Minnesota State system. The successful Director of Federal Government Relations and Advocacy is someone who can build and manage effective relationships, has excellent written and oral communication skills, has an understanding of the federal legislative process, as well as the Minnesota legislative process, and has a demonstrated knowledge of building and growing a grassroots effort in order to effect change for higher education at both the state and national level.

The Director of Federal Government Relations and Advocacy provides leadership for campuses across the system managing the development of federal legislative goals through assistance with campus strategic planning and providing federal grant funding

opportunities. This individual will also monitor all federal congressional legislative activities pertaining to higher education, and work jointly with Minnesota State federal lobbyists in Washington, D.C. to further the colleges and universities federal agenda for a successful outcome.

In addition to the federal relations responsibilities, the Director of Federal Government Relations and Advocacy will work closely with the Grassroots Campus Network, with a focus of growing campus engagement at the State Legislature. This position will develop and maintain relationships with campus leadership to promote understanding of the legislative process, share best practices of campus engagement, and promote the legislative request.

Minimum Qualifications:

Resume must reflect all minimum qualifications. Please enter your experience in chronological order, including the month and year of employment.

- Bachelor's degree in political science, public administration or related field
- 3 years of experience in government relations or public affairs
- Experience in working with congressional staff and/or members
- Understanding of the federal legislative process
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Able to build and manage effective relationships
- Excellent problem solver and solution focused
- Ability to travel up to 20%
- Ability to work under pressure and difficult time constraints, including evenings and occasional weekend work during legislative sessions and other peak periods

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Public Administration, Business Management or Political Science or related field
- 5 years of experience in government relations or public affairs.
- Experience researching and preparing grant applications

Additional Requirements:

In accordance with the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities (Minnesota State) Vehicle Fleet Safety Program, employees driving on college/university business who use a rental or state vehicle shall be required to conform to Minnesota State's Vehicle use criteria and consent to Motor Vehicle Records check.

Other Information:

Employment information for this position can be found in its collective bargaining agreement or its plan document at <http://mn.gov/employee-relations/labor-relations/Labor>.

Why Work for Us

At Minnesota State we promote the ability for our employees to move within the Minnesota State system of Colleges and Universities, located throughout the State of MN. To learn more, please visit: [Work at Minnesota State!](#)

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How to Apply

External Applicants: Go to the State of MN's career site at <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

Internal Applicants: Go to Self-Service/Careers.

Contact

If you have questions about the position, contact Jessica White at jessica.white@minnstate.edu or 651/201-1845.

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Reasonable accommodations will be made to all qualified applicants with disabilities. If you are an individual with a disability who needs assistance or cannot access the online job

application system, please contact the job information line at 651.259.3637 or email careers@state.mn.us. Please indicate what assistance is needed.