



2022 Council Member Job Description

The Rhode Island Food Policy Council creates a more just and resilient food system in Rhode Island. Each Council member holds a special role. This document lays that role out as a job description.

Key Responsibilities

- Build partnerships with a wide variety of individuals across industry, government, community-based organizations (CBO), and non-governmental organization (NGO) sectors
- Develop and advocate for state and local policy priorities with other Council Members
- Advise staff on projects designed to create a more just and resilient state food system.

Impact and Sustained Outcome

Council Members work collaboratively with other Council Members to build a network of food system stakeholders and drive good food policies and programs forward in Rhode Island.

The sustained outcome of our collective work is a more equitable, economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable food system in Rhode Island. We are committed to improving the quality of life of all state residents, particularly BIPOC and people affected by poverty. Our work has three main pillars: (1) We increase affordable access to culturally appropriate food; (2) We support thriving farm, fish, and food businesses; and (3) We cultivate a food system that sustains our natural resources.

Skills and Qualifications

Council Members are expected to have existing skills and experience in the food system (e.g., farming, fishing, food entrepreneurship, food processing, food service, distribution and waste management).

Council Members must be able to collaborate with audiences of different cultures, races, beliefs, abilities, and other group identities to shape collective values-driven messages.

Council members must be aligned with RIFPC's mission and values, including a track record of collaborating with colleagues across race, gender, class, and other group identities and a strong understanding of why justice and equity are essential to creating a sustainable food system.

Council members must have a deep commitment to the values of justice and equity and a desire to ensure they are present throughout the programs, internal policies and practices, and work culture of the Council.

Training

All Council Members will participate in an orientation, an annual retreat, an annual equity workshop, and an annual policy advocacy training.

Equity Supports

RIFPC has a commitment to provide interpretation, translation, captioning, and other services as needed to support participation of Council members.

Council members who face economic hardship as a result of participation are eligible for a stipend for time reflective of their role on the Council. Whether a Council member opts into a stipend remains private, and will not influence review of their application.

Commitment

Council members are expected to attend monthly, 1.5-hour meetings and participate in at least one other Council structure (e.g., a committee, community of practice, or policy work group).

Benefits

Council Members will be part of a high impact statewide network, receive specialized training, and contribute to advocacy plans designed to advance an equitable, accessible, economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable food system in Rhode Island.

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