

Position Announcement

President
Woodstock Institute

Woodstock Institute's mission is to create a just financial system in which lower-wealth communities and communities of color, and the people who live in them, can achieve economic security and community prosperity. Since its founding in 1973, Woodstock Institute (WI) has brought low- and moderate-income communities together with financial institutions, regulators, and policymakers to inform and shape local, regional, and national financial-system change through applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy.

As it approaches its 50th anniversary, WI has renewed its commitment to seeking systemic solutions that foster investment in racially- and economically-segregated neighborhoods to build vibrant local and regional economies; provide fair and equal access to safe and affordable credit and culturally-sensitive financial services when and where people and communities need them; and empower community stakeholders with research tools and policy recommendations so they can take action to address the unique economic needs of their own neighborhoods.

WI seeks a president to lead this Chicago-based organization and its work. Reporting to the board chair, the president manages a small multi-disciplinary staff and outside consultants and a \$900,000 budget.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Initiate and lead deliberations and board decision-making about WI's strategy and priorities. Working with board and staff, and involving community and other external partners, develop a strategic agenda that identifies critical policy issues where WI's capacities have a unique ability to bring about change; develop, fund, and manage research and policy projects to forward that agenda.
- Serve as WI's chief fundraiser, responsible for securing program and operational support. Sustain relationships with existing funders; attract additional foundation and corporate support.
- Represent WI and its work to the field and the public; work with community partners and coalitions to advocate for policy change and to negotiate with institutional investors for mutually favorable outcomes. Continue to grow WI's partnerships, particularly with community organizations involved in fostering stronger community economies.
- Remain active in the economic justice arena, continuing to identify issues, research opportunities, partners, and funders, assuring that WI work remains timely and relevant, and that WI remains a thought leader in this field.
- Lead, support, and serve on the board. Manage operations and finances; lead, develop, and manage the staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A minimum of 15 years' progressively responsible experience, including leadership experience, in economic justice, community development or reinvestment, or other relevant community-building work.
- Demonstrated strategic ability; experience creating partnerships and working collaboratively in policy and community arenas and more broadly. Experience shaping and communicating messages across multiple venues.
- Experience conceiving, securing funding for, and managing projects and initiatives; experience managing a collaborative team. Not-for-profit experience highly preferred.
- Successful advocacy experience; experience using research to forward a public policy or social justice agenda.
- Advanced degree in public policy or other relevant field highly preferred. Available for travel.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

The successful candidate will be a dynamic, collegial, and collaborative leader, knowledgeable about the power of research and advocacy to create systemic change, and passionate about creating more equitable economic systems and vibrant community economies. She or he will have worked and led successfully within diverse organizations, and be eager to support differences in others and to contribute in other ways as well to an inclusive work environment.

Further information about WI is available at www.woodstockinst.org

Selection will be made by June, 2020.

Those interested in this position should send a cover letter and résumé by e-mail to:
info@himmelfarbgroup.com, with Woodstock Institute in the subject line.

Those with questions about the position, please call The Himmelfarb Group at 708-848-0086.

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