



University City Science Center Job Posting: Director, Government and Community Relations

The University City Science Center has an immediate opening for a Director, Government and Community Relations. The Director is responsible for leading government advocacy, public policy development, community relations and workforce development activity for the UCSC and representing the Science Center and its programs at all levels of government, in addition to oversight of public fundraising. This position maintains and develops relationships with agencies and personnel at all levels of government. The Director develops and advocates for government policies and programs that support the mission and operations of the Science Center, including without limitation, initiatives in the Science & Technology, Real Estate, Community Engagement, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) and Workforce Development Departments. The position oversees, in partnership with colleagues, efforts relating to grants at all levels of government. The Director has responsibility for the Workforce Development efforts of the organization, including management of internal staff, external contracts and partnerships. The Director also serves as the lead on interactions with Registered Community Organizations and other groups serving neighborhoods adjacent to UCSC, and any other government-related or community-related activities and projects as may be assigned.

The Director, Government and Community Relations will have a deep knowledge of economic development, government relations, public policy, and workforce development; will be a competent project and process manager with an interest in technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, “innovation ecosystems” and inclusion; and will be comfortable working on multiple projects with multiple priorities simultaneously, and interfacing with multiple individuals both within and outside the organization.

Minimum Experience: 5+ years of experience in government relations and public policy. 7-10 years’ experience preferred. Deep experience with interacting with elected officials, political appointees, civil servants and community leaders, preferably at multiple levels of government. Experience in government and/or workforce development is a plus, and experience with developing and implementing workforce development and/or other programs funded by public grants is also helpful. Leadership experience in both non-profit and for-profit organizational environments is desired, as is experience with collaborative partnerships across multiple organizations and stakeholders.

Minimum Education: Master’s level degree in political science, urban studies, law or similar field desired.

Interested candidates should forward a resume along with salary requirements to: Human Resources, University City Science Center 3711 Market Street, Suite 800 Philadelphia, PA 19104 or email resumes@sciencecenter.org.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

About the Science Center

Located in the heart of uCity Square, the Science Center is a mission-driven nonprofit organization that catalyzes and connects innovation to entrepreneurship and technology commercialization. For 50+ years, the Science Center has supported startups, research, and economic development in the life sciences, healthcare, physical sciences, and emerging technology sectors. As a result, graduate firms and current residents of the Science Center's incubator support one out of every 100 jobs in the Greater Philadelphia region and drive \$13 billion in economic activity in the region annually. By providing resources and programming for any stage of a business's lifecycle, the Science Center helps scientists, entrepreneurs and innovators take their concepts from idea to IPO – and beyond. For more information about the Science Center, go to www.sciencecenter.org