



Job Title: Local Elections Fellow

Reports to: Political and Campaigns Director

Status: Part Time (10-20 hours a week)

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Timeline: January 2021-May 2021

Position Overview:

The Alaska Center is seeking a **dedicated and talented** individual to serve as a Local Elections Fellow in Anchorage, AK. This position will support The Alaska Center's work to **elect decision-makers** who will stand up for clean air and water, promote solutions to climate change, and support a strong democracy. The position **will conduct research and data analysis, voter outreach and engagement, and volunteer cultivation** in Alaska to support. The ideal candidate **will be passionate about elections, interested in gaining insights from research, and skilled at building relationships.**

Organizational Overview:

The Alaska Center envisions a thriving, just and sustainable Alaska for future generations. We engage, empower, and elect Alaskans to stand up for clean air and water, a strong democracy, and for a fair and equitable transition from an extractive economy to a regenerative economy. Our issue priorities are protecting salmon habitat, advancing clean energy solutions in the face of rapid climate change, and amplifying Alaskans' voices in the public process. In partnership with our sister organization The Alaska Center Education Fund, we achieve our vision through youth education and leadership development, community organizing and mobilization, and electing leaders who will champion our values.

Core Responsibilities: *Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:*

Research and Data Analysis

- Candidate, voting, and history research as determined by Political Director;
- Work with the Political Director to strategize on research projects that can further drive our political work

Voter Engagement and Turnout, Volunteer Engagement and Cultivation

- Support training for street and phone canvassers to support endorsed candidates in local and statewide elections, sometimes in coordination with other Independent Expenditure efforts;
- Help coordinate a Mayoral Candidate Forum in Anchorage;
- Cultivate a network of volunteers to engage thousands of residents in Anchorage on our priority electoral campaigns;
- Secure commitments from community members and leaders to write letters and opinion pieces to engage in supporting The Alaska Center's endorsed candidates

Skills and Qualifications:



- 0-2 years of experience with grassroots organizing, electoral campaigns, civic engagement or integrated voter engagement programs;
- Passion for The Alaska Center's mission, vision and programs;
- Ability to meaningfully engage Alaskans from diverse backgrounds;
- Experience with or desire to work with communities of color, cross-cultural communication, and understanding of inclusive organizing;
- Commitment to understanding race, class, gender, and other equity issues in organizing and politics;
- Demonstrated initiative and ability to work well independently;
- Experience with the Voter Activation Network and affiliated databases is a plus;
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude and solution-based approach in high pressure or difficult situations;
- Willingness to engage in phone and door canvasses, volunteer recruitment, host volunteer meetings, plan campaign events.
- Experience working and living in Anchorage is a plus.

This is a part-time position and is remote. All Alaska Center staff have access to professional development opportunities, including training and support. The Alaska Center provides a supportive work environment with excellent incentives. The Alaska Center is an equal opportunity employer. Employment and promotional opportunities are based upon individual capabilities and qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, veteran status, or any other protected characteristic as established under law.

To apply, please **email your resume and cover letter to jennymarie@akcenter.org**. Position open until filled. The first review of applications will be 1/10/2021. Questions? Please contact jennymarie@akcenter.org.