



MI Healthy Climate Fellows Position Description

Position Title: MHC Clean Transportation Fellow	Host Site: Transportation Riders United
Position Type: Hybrid	Site Supervisor: Megan Owens, TRU Executive Director
Slot Type: 11 months	Hours: Full-time placement - 40 hours/wk
Dates of Service: 1/21/2026 - 12/18/2026	Salary: \$45,000

MI Healthy Climate Fellows:

Join the MI Healthy Climate Fellows (MHC Fellows) and make a lasting impact on Michigan's carbon-neutral future! The MHC Fellows program accelerates Michigan's climate action through capacity building and leadership development. Fellows serve across the state to advance the MI Healthy Climate Plan's (MHCP) goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The plan, unveiled by Governor Gretchen Whitmer in April 2022, aims to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis; create good-paying jobs; position Michigan as a climate action leader; and build a healthier and more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Michigan for all Michiganders.

About the Host Partner:

Transportation Riders United (TRU) is a Detroit-based nonprofit organization that has worked for 25 years advocating for improved public transportation throughout the metro Detroit region. TRU works to ensure everyone can get where they need to go, regardless of whether they drive. TRU educates, advocates, and mobilizes for more and better transit and other affordable sustainable mobility options.

In partnership with organizations throughout the state, TRU is launching a diverse new statewide coalition working to advance equitable electrification, expanded public transit options, safe active mobility infrastructure, and other clean affordable mobility solutions throughout Michigan.

MHC Fellow Role and Responsibilities

- Conduct outreach to organizations, businesses, and institutions throughout Michigan to educate them about the importance of clean mobility, learn how it impacts their communities, and invite them to get involved in expanding clean mobility options
- Arrange meetings and events for groups throughout Michigan to learn about and make plans to improve clean mobility infrastructure throughout Michigan
- Interview organizational leaders and other individuals to learn how transportation issues impact them and their communities, then write up and share these stories online and through social and news media
- Plan a Round-the-Mitten Transit Tour demonstrating and educating about transit services that exist now and how lives and communities would be improved with more clean mobility investments
- Empower the community to access climate resources by planning meetings, educational programs, and/or other activities to consistently share information.
- Participate in MHC Fellows development shared learning and collaboration activities including four MHC Fellow in-person convenings and, MHC Fellows monthly virtual trainings (refer to calendar attachment).



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- Fellows will host a community input session with their host site to collect community feedback and advance the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Evaluation and Reporting

- Fellows will complete a mid-year survey during the term.
- Fellows will complete a pre service baseline capacity assessment and post service capacity evaluation.
- Other reporting requirements (e.g. bi-weekly timesheets, monthly progress reports, etc.)

Preferred Qualifications:

The appropriate candidate will have a strong interest and/or background in environmental issues, public transportation, coalition building and/or community organizing, and communications or a combination of such interests. The appropriate candidate must possess strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent attention to detail, the ability to work within a team or as an individual and be familiar with the Microsoft Office suite and Google Applications. Fellows are required to work the standard office hours of their host communities.

No specific background or education is required to join the MHC Fellow! But a minimum of 2 years of experience in these types of situations is essential for success:

- Experience facilitating a meeting with people who have more experience than them
- Complete their work without someone reminding them to do it
- Experience overcoming obstacles in work situations in the past
- Experience managing multiple professional relationships
- Comfortable working outside of the typical 9:00am - 5:00pm to attend community events
- Ability to use or teach oneself new software in a fast-paced role with little oversight

Minimum Qualifications:

- Live in Michigan during the duration of their service.
- Ability to travel to four in-person MHC Fellow convenings around the state. Carpools will be available and encouraged.
- Be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must have a high school diploma, GED, or be working toward the completion of one.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Pass the following National Service Criminal History Checks: State of Michigan background check, State of residency (if not Michigan)

Compensation:

Fellows will receive a salary of **\$45,000** distributed in even increments, bi-weekly. Fellows will receive health care benefits and continual professional development. Upon successful completion of service, a program completion bonus in the amount of \$2,000.

The MI Healthy Climate Fellows program is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made for interviews and service as needed.