



WASHINGTON  
**POLICY CENTER**  
**Job Description**

*Agriculture Policy Research Director*

Washington Policy Center (WPC) is a non-profit, independent public policy think tank that works to improve the lives of Washington state's citizens by providing accurate, high-quality and innovative solutions for policymakers, the media and the general public. We have a staff of 18, an annual budget of \$2.5 million, and offices located in Seattle, Olympia and Eastern Washington. We hold approximately 30 events per year ranging from exclusive gatherings, conferences and lunches for 200-300 and our annual fundraising gala, the Annual Dinner, with more than 2,000 attendees.

WPC's research centers are the very core of the organization. We focus on key areas including Education, Environment, Health Care, Government Reform, Small Business and Transportation. But we've decided to expand! Because Agriculture is such a critical part of our state's economy, we're committed to adding Ag to our work as a seventh research focus.

The newly created WPC Initiative on Agriculture and Agriculture Director will provide in-depth research, analysis and insight on the critical issues facing this critical part of our state's economy. This will include tracking legislation introduced in Olympia, closely following agriculture policy issues around the state and country, writing Policy Briefs, commentary, and opinion-editorials, media appearances, public speaking engagements and various other assignments as necessary to educate and inform lawmakers and citizens. The Agriculture Director will report directly to and work in concert with the WPC Environmental Director and will also work closely with the Eastern Washington Director, Vice President for Research and the President of the organization.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Ability to research and understand complex agriculture public policy issues
- Track and communicate agricultural, water and natural resources issues to citizens, lawmakers and the media throughout the state
- Provide consistent, accurate research, including studies, commentary, op-eds and recommendations to improve the agricultural economy in Washington state
- Media appearances and public speaking engagements
- Coordinate messaging and work with WPC Environmental Director
- Manage Agriculture annual operating budget
- Work closely with WPC Agricultural Advisory Board

**Key Requirements:**

- Understand and support our mission to promote free-market solutions through research and education in Washington state
- Knowledgeable about Ag & Water issues in Washington, understanding its critical role in state's economy
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office products including Word and Excel
- Proficient writing skills
- Experience writing opinion-editorials, appearing on radio/television preferred
- Ability to communicate effectively
- In-state travel

**Details/Benefits:**

- Start date: May-June 2016
- Full time: Hours: 8:30-5:00pm, M-F (some evenings for scheduled events)
- Vacation: 2 weeks paid (after 3 months)
- Holidays: 11 paid holidays a year
- Benefits: 90% employer-paid health (medical/dental/vision) insurance for employee, 80% for dependents
- Employer matched 401(k) plan when eligibility requirements met
- Salary: DOE
- Location: WPC Tri-Cities Office preferred

**To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to:**  
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