

Job vacancy

International advocacy advisor

Location Netherlands. Home-based office. Occasional travel in and outside Europe.

A unique opportunity to contribute to a corporate initiative campaigning globally for change in work permit legislation to make it easier for employers and countries to attract highly-skilled international staff.

About Permits Foundation

We are an independent, not-for-profit organization campaigning globally for work permit legislation that facilitates dual careers by allowing the partners of international staff to have a job during an international assignment. We have already been successful in influencing legislative change throughout the EU, as well as in the USA, Brazil and in parts of Asia. There are now 30 countries that allow spouses or partners to work and there is still more work to do in other regions (e.g. China and South Africa) as well as for unmarried and same-sex partners.

Read more at <http://www.permitsfoundation.com/>

About the job

We are expanding our team and are looking for an international advocacy advisor who would like to work in a small, virtual organization in an international setting. It is an exciting, challenging, hands-on role in which you play an important part in achieving the goals of the foundation.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Executive Director, your main responsibilities will be:

- Develop and manage projects to advocate change in work permit legislation or regulations for accompanying family members in specific countries
- Coordinate advocacy activities towards governments in cooperation with local networks of sponsors, expert advisors and other stakeholders.
- Write position papers, providing evidence of the need for change and an international perspective of best practice legislation. Where necessary, draft legislative clauses.
- Write news items and press releases on in-country projects and contribute to wider PR, including web site development, social media and conferences, in co-operation with other team members.
- Keep abreast of developments in immigration/work permit legislation globally and in key countries and identify opportunities for change.
- Make presentations at relevant conferences.

Requirements / Key competencies

Essential

- University degree, with 5-10 years experience in at least one of the following:
 - Advocacy/lobbying, government relations, or public relations.
 - Immigration / work permit legislation.
 - International HR or global mobility management.
- Ability to represent the foundation with a wide range of stakeholders (including Government departments, politicians and the Press) about the need for legislative change, and respond to differing points of view.
- Experience of working with legislative texts and amendments.
- Native English language, with excellent communication and influencing skills both written and spoken and good presentation skills. (Proficiency in other languages is an advantage.)
- Project planning experience.
- Special challenges
Working from home for a small organisation with a global reach requires an enthusiastic self-starter with a high degree of commitment to the role and building good relationships.

Desirable

- Knowledge and understanding of global trends in international mobility and expatriation, including employment, dual careers and related social and demographic issues.
- Experience with building common interest networks.
- A professional network in large international companies or employers' associations.
- Experience writing an advocacy or communications plan.
- Active user of social media.

Contract details

Part-time, 2 days a week, with an option for 3.

Salary and form of employment will be discussed at the time of employment.

Application procedure

Please e-mail your CV and a cover letter outlining your interest and how you meet the requirements to our Executive director, Michiel van Campen. contact@permitsfoundation.com

Closing date: 15 January, 2017. **Start date:** 1 March, 2017