



## NYSERDA Climate Justice Fellowship

This position is funded through the NYSERDA program.

This is a 12-month position. Fellows must be able to commit to the entire term.

Applications are rolling until the position is filled.

Salary - \$37,000/annually

Health benefits available.

Please send a resume and short cover letter to Seren Ozkan, [sozkan@newrootsschool.org](mailto:sozkan@newrootsschool.org).

### **Job Description:**

This position is based at New Roots Charter School, a tuition-free, public charter high school located in downtown Ithaca, recognized by the US Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School. New Roots is open to any interested student in the region regardless of district of residence. In the current school year, 59% of New Roots students come from low-income families.

The Climate Justice Fellow position is within the EarthForce Program at New Roots, the umbrella program that includes our School Farm, Youth Ecological Restoration Corps, Youth Entrepreneurship Market program (YEM), and work-based learning/internships. The position will include conducting research, connecting with community resources, collaborating with New Roots faculty and program staff, working directly with students, and developing Green Energy programming.

- **Career Research:**
  - Identify and compile a comprehensive list of in-demand green careers in the region.
  - Research job descriptions, salary ranges, and necessary credentials or education for each career.
  - Investigate local companies offering green jobs and document their opportunities.
- **Training Resources:**
  - Compile and organize information about available programs, including admission requirements, timelines, and costs.
- **Program Support:**
  - Assist in developing materials and resources for students participating in the EarthForce program, including the development of our Green Energy program.
  - Support green career pathway exploration activities, such as workshops or career fairs, in collaboration with staff.
  - Assist in mentoring students to be presenters in the field.
- **Collaboration:**
  - Establish connections with local companies and training institutions to expand career exploration opportunities.
  - Establish connections with local community organizations serving low-income people to share information about available opportunities for green career exploration and development.



#### **Qualifications Checklist:**

- Currently reside in NYS and be able work in NYS full-time for 12 months
- Commit to the entire 12-month fellowship
- Be a member of one of the following priority populations:
  - Veterans;
  - Individuals with disabilities;
  - Low-income individuals, whose household's total income is below or at 60% of the State Median Income, or whose household has been determined eligible for or is receiving assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or other human service benefit programs;
  - Incumbent or unemployed fossil fuel workers;
  - Previously incarcerated individuals;
  - 16- to 24-year-olds who are enrolled in or have completed a comprehensive work preparedness training program such as those offered by Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES), technical high schools, Conservation Corps, YouthBuild, and AmeriCorps. The training program must include a combination of rigorous clean energy education with hands-on technical training. Eligibility of work preparedness programs under this category will be considered on a case-by-case basis.;
  - Homeless individuals;
  - Single parents.
  - The role requires flexibility in scheduling, and the ability to work 40 hours per week.
  - Must be able to commit to a 12 month position.
  - Transportation is helpful, as is a clean drivers license.
  - Must be able to pass a background check.
  - Ages 18+ may apply.