Climate Scientist  
Climate & Energy Program  
Washington, DC Office

The Position:  
The Washington, DC based Climate Scientist will carry out research and analysis, outreach, and media activities in support of the Climate and Energy Program. In particular, this position will serve as a resource to the UCS media team by providing robust, timely, accessible, and policy-relevant information on climate science with an emphasis on impacts and adaptation.

Responsibilities
- **Climate Communications**: Research, review, and help develop UCS materials to advance greater public awareness/understanding of climate change science, impacts, adaptation, and policies aimed at climate-relevant solutions. Help ensure products maintain high quality and are informed by climate science.

- **Climate Impacts Project Work**: Help develop factsheets, reports, and other science-based products that analyze, explain, and/or interpret evidence of climate change influencing weather patterns, sea level rise, shrinking ice, etc. Serve as advisor or resource on research, web, or outreach projects led by other project leaders. Supervise science consultants as needed.

- **Policy Rapid Response**: Prepare for media requests with short deadlines. Research, review, or help facilitate accurate science content of op-eds, letters to the editor, expert testimony, congressional briefing materials, draft legislation, and engagement of external experts to work with the Climate and Energy Program policy staff.

- **Expert Engagement**: Maintain close working relationships with science colleagues, including through participation in scientific conferences and policy-relevant research collaborations. Work with the outreach team to strategically engage with specific experts in the UCS science network.

Qualifications and experience
Work requires a strong background in climate change science and impacts and three to five years of relevant experience, with two or more years of comparable work experience. Involvement in communicating science to a
wide variety of audiences, especially the media, is highly desirable. Experience ensuring climate science is relevant to public policy is a plus. Strong communication and teamwork skills are essential. Current research collaborations and other successful expert engagement within the scientific community is important. PhD in relevant field is required.

May spend extended periods at computer terminal. Occasional travel (10-15% of time) to events, conferences, and other UCS offices will be required. At UCS, comparable training and/or experience can be substituted for degrees when appropriate.

UCS is an equal opportunity employer continually seeking to diversify its staff particularly to broaden opportunities for individuals from demographic groups that are historically underrepresented in the sciences and in environmental advocacy.

Compensation, Hours and Location: This is a full-time position based in UCS’s Washington, DC office. For candidates who meet all position requirements, the salary is in the high $60s or commensurate with experience. UCS offers excellent benefits and a rewarding work environment. Information about the organization is available at http://www.ucsusa.org

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample (3 pages or less), salary requirements, how you learned about the position via email to jobs@ucsusa.org and include “Climate Scientist” in the subject line. Email materials in Word or PDF format only. No phone calls please. Deadline: Until filled.