Position Available: Organizing Intern Summer 2021

The Riders Alliance fights for reliable, affordable and world-class public transit in order to build a more just and sustainable New York. We organize subway and bus riders to build grassroots power across racial, economic, and neighborhood lines: holding our elected officials accountable, engaging the public, and taking direct action to guarantee that riders have a powerful voice in the decisions that affect us. As we work to radically reimagine the role and power of public transit in NYC’s recovery, it is a critical moment to expand our base and bring rider organizing to its next groundshifting level.

The Organizing Intern will work closely with our dynamic organizing team to help us grow our grassroots base, engage community members, and strengthen relationships in Queens and other communities to win campaigns for better transit service.

The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic relationship builder who is passionate about building a more equitable transit system for New York City’s outer borough riders. Reporting to a senior organizer, they will be responsible for:

● Relationship building and leadership training with grassroots leaders
● Supporting staff in canvassing, community outreach days, and days of action
● Attending some evening and weekend meetings
● Supporting outreach and follow-up as needed to electeds and legislative staff
● Developing materials and managing data to support organizing work

Required Qualifications

● Excellent people and communication skills
● Interest in learning about social justice, transportation policy, community organizing practices, and the nonprofit sector
● Ability to work effectively with people of different cultures and backgrounds
● Self-motivated individual able to work efficiently to complete tasks
● Willingness to travel to neighborhoods in all boroughs of New York City

Preferred Qualifications

● Ability to fluently speak language(s) other than English
● Familiarity with communities in Queens and/or lived experience as a regular Queens transit rider

Job Features

● Flexible schedule from June to August 2021
● Pay is $18 hourly

To Apply

● Submit a resume and cover letter to hr@ridersny.org
● Please use subject line “Internship Application”
● Applications are considered on a rolling basis until June 11; early applications are encouraged

The Riders Alliance is an equal opportunity employer, and we strongly encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply for the position.