Title: Officer, Environmental Research & Science
Reports to: Angela Bednarek, Project Director, Research Impact
Location: Washington, DC

Overview:
The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today’s most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and stimulate civic life.

We are an independent nonprofit organization – the sole beneficiary of seven individual trusts established between 1948 and 1979 by two sons and two daughters of Sun Oil Company founder Joseph N. Pew and his wife, Mary Anderson Pew.

Our work lays the foundation for effective policy solutions by informing and engaging citizens, linking diverse interests to pursue common cause and insisting on tangible results. Our projects encourage efficient, responsive governments – at the local, state, national and international levels – serving the best interests of the people. We partner with a diverse range of donors, public and private organizations and concerned citizens who share our interest in fact-based solutions and goal-driven investments to improve society.

With offices in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Brussels and London and staff in other regions of the United States as well as Australia, Pew provides an exciting learning environment and the opportunity to work with highly talented individuals. We are a dynamic, rapidly evolving organization that values creativity and innovative thinking and fosters strong teamwork with mutual respect.

Environmental Research & Science:
Environmental research and science (ER&S) programs at Pew work to generate and synthesize scientific research to inform conservation policy and frame solutions to global environmental challenges. There are three ER&S programs: the conservation science program, which collaborates with campaigns to develop scientific and economic research that helps to guide Pew’s policy objectives; the Lenfest Ocean Program, which supports independent, peer-reviewed scientific projects to inform selected marine conservation priorities; and the Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation, which allows respected experts to develop and implement solutions to marine conservation problems through three-year fellowships.

The research impact team works across these programs to enhance and assess the policy relevance of supported projects. In order to accomplish this, the research impact team works with each program to develop strategies to understand and track outcomes of supported research, provides training support for researchers to engage more effectively with those who might use
project results, convenes scholars, practitioners, and others on ways to improve the connections between research and policy, and develops and disseminates analyses of this work.

Position Overview:

The officer leads is responsible for three main activities: (1) assessing, synthesizing, and communicating the impacts of program-specific ER&S research investments; (2) supporting the conservation science program to work with Pew’s environmental programs to develop and implement impact pathways for connecting research to policy objectives, including developing outreach plans and technical outreach materials; (3) supporting the research impact project director in convening researchers, practitioners and others on topics relevant to improving the connections between research and policy, and synthesizing and communicating lessons learned about our approaches to facilitating evidence-informed policy. The officer will also support strategy development for expansion of the research impact team’s scope of work.

The officer reports to the project director, environmental research and science, and will be based in Pew’s Washington, DC, office.

Responsibilities

- Develop and implement program-specific strategies for tracking and assessing the impacts of ES&R research investments, including drafting “impact narratives” for each program.
- Coordinate cross-program implementation of impact assessment approaches.
- Support the work of the Conservation Science (CS) program by:
  - Developing and implementing strategies for improving the connections between conservation science research projects and Pew environment policy objectives, including through impact pathways, outreach planning, and impact tracking.
  - Developing and implementing strategies for tracking the impact of the CS program.
  - In collaboration with CS and environment staff, drafting technical outreach materials for selected conservation science research projects
- Support the work of the research impact project and project director by:
  - Supporting the project director and consultant to develop a network of those working on ways to support the policy-relevance of research.
  - Supporting the project director to develop a series of workshops on understanding the use of research in policy.
  - Identifying new lines of work and partnerships for the research impact project.
  - Identifying opportunities to raise the profile of the research impact project, including writing for external publications and presenting at relevant meetings.
- Stay informed of current and emerging approaches to research impact and connecting science and policy.
- Contribute to and participate in tasks of ER&S, as assigned.

Requirements
• A minimum of eight years of relevant professional experience in working with both science and policy required. Experience understanding or analyzing research impact is highly desirable, as is knowledge of conservation issues.
• Bachelor’s degree requires, an advanced degree in natural or social science is strongly preferred.
• Demonstrates critical thinking and analytic rigor in framing problems, synthesizing information, and proposing solutions
• Organizes and effectively manages multiple tasks and projects, meets regular deadlines with consistency and accuracy, and works effectively within and across teams.
• Contributes thought leadership to help advance the overall strategic framework of the research impact project
• Ability to identify key opportunities for amplifying program work and outcomes
• Superior initiative and entrepreneurial skills.
• Excellent written and oral communication skills, including clearly articulating complex ideas, thoughts and concepts for different audiences. Experience drafting outreach materials a plus.
• Ability to work with internal and external partners to identify partnership and other growth opportunities ER&S.
• Political awareness, with a non-partisan perspective and approach. Experience with national and/or intergovernmental institutions preferred.

Travel: Occasional domestic and international travel.

Compensation and Benefits
As this is a full-time position, we offer a competitive salary and complete benefit program, including: comprehensive, affordable health care through medical, dental and vision coverage; financial security with life and disability insurance; opportunities to save using health savings and flexible spending accounts; retirement benefits to help prepare for the future; and work/life benefits to help you maintain a good balance.