

Job Description: IIGCC Investment Specialist/Senior Specialist

Reports to: IIGCC Programme Director

Place of work: Central London (mostly working from home in the short term)

Time: 5 Days/week – full time

Contract Length: 1 or 2 year fixed term, with possible extension

Starting date: asap

Salary: Competitive plus benefits

About IIGCC and the Investor Practices programme

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is a forum for collaboration on climate change for European investors. There are currently over 300 members, including some of the largest pension funds and asset managers across 22 countries, representing over €39 trillion in assets under management. IIGCC's mission is to mobilise capital for the low carbon transition and to ensure resilience to the impacts of a changing climate by collaborating with business, policy makers and fellow investors.

In 2019 IIGCC launched the Paris Aligned Investment Initiative to explore how investors can align portfolios to the goals of the Paris Agreement. More than 110 members representing \$33 trillion in AUM have been involved in the initiative, which published the Net Zero Investment Framework 1.0 in 2021. The Framework provides a basis on which investors can make net zero commitments and implement investment strategies in line with achieving global net zero emissions by 2050. Currently, 28 asset owners from across Europe and the United States, representing \$1.9 trillion in AUM, have made a net zero commitment through the Paris Aligned Investment Initiative

IIGCC is also co-founder of Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. This is an investor initiative launched in December 2020 to support asset managers to implement net zero commitments. Currently the initiative has 128 signatories with \$43trillion AUM, with participation expected to continue to grow throughout 2021. IIGCC is playing a leading role in coordinating the initiative, in collaboration with 5 other investors networks globally.

The Role

We are looking for a self-motivated climate professional with strong experience working in the field of climate and decarbonisation and/or experience in investment management to help ensure the successful development and application of the Net Zero Investment Framework, and support implementation of the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative.

Reporting to IIGCC's Investor Practices Programme Director, and working closely with IIGCC's CEO and wider team, you will lead on key aspects of development and delivering of the Net Zero Investment Framework (NZIF), providing deep investment expertise to support development of the NZIF to cover additional asset classes and address technical issues to advance guidance on specific topics relevant to implementation. Depending on experience and expertise the responsibilities may be tailored to complement the existing team's skill set.

IIGCC is a small but rapidly growing organisation – you'll be working with passionate, personable and like-minded colleagues who are each leaders in their areas. This new role offer opportunities to gain exposure to other areas of IIGCC's work, allowing for scope to develop a wider knowledge base on IIGCC's key areas of focus, including corporate engagement and policy advocacy.

Main tasks

- **Net Zero methodologies and approaches** – Manage the work and collaboration among IIGCC members, to develop and update methodologies and approaches for measuring alignment of portfolios, with a particular focus on private markets and real assets.
- **Stakeholder engagement** – develop and manager relationships with partner organisations, third party data and methodology providers and funders to disseminate, consult on, and build buy-in to the Net Zero Investment Framework.
- **Research and Analysis** – Undertake or manage pieces of research that are relevant to supporting development of the Net Zero Investment Framework.
- **Investor Strategies & Tools** – Support investors in developing and implementing best practice approaches to implement net zero commitments including in governance, strategic asset allocation, target setting, portfolio construction, and policy advocacy.
- Collaborate with other IIGCC initiatives and programmes as required.

Skills and capabilities

Essential

- Significant experience working on climate change within an investment related role and engaging within the investment industry at a senior level
- Significant experience in EITHER climate scenarios and carbon accounting applied in an investment context OR in investment management in one or more asset classes (corporate fixed income, private markets, or real assets preferred)
- Demonstrable experience in constructing funding proposals and/or project workplans
- Understanding of carbon footprinting, climate target setting (such as Science Based Targets) and climate and sustainability reporting systems (such as CDP, TCFD, CDSB, SASB, GRI etc) and integrating climate objectives in the investment process.
- Excellent writing and report writing skills including demonstrable experience editing and coordinating public reports and communication materials
- Strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills
- Strong project management, organisational and time management skills, with proven ability to prioritise
- High levels of accuracy and attention to detail
- Self-motivated, flexible and disciplined
- Enthusiastic and positive approach
- Fluent in routine IT tools including Microsoft office
- Fluency in English language (A second European language is advantageous)

There will be a requirement to undertake some international travel and evening calls.

Benefits

In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a range of benefits including:

- 25 days' annual leave plus public holidays
- Additional discretionary 3 days' leave between Christmas and New Year
- Generous company pension scheme
- Life assurance
- Private healthcare

Applications

Interested applicants should submit a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter detailing their qualifications and experience for the role to vacancy@iigcc.org. Please note:

- Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.
- We do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, religion, marital status, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.