Job Description: IIGCC Investment Specialist/Senior Specialist

Reports to: IIGCC Investor Practices Programme Director
Place of work: Central London / hybrid
Time: 5 Days/week – full time
Contract Length: 1 or 2 year fixed term, with possible extension
Salary: Competitive plus benefits

About IIGCC

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is the European membership body for investor collaboration on climate change and the voice of investors taking action for a prosperous, low carbon future. IIGCC has more than 300 members, mainly pension funds and asset managers, across 22 countries, with over €37 trillion in assets under management.

IIGCC’s mission is to support and enable the investment community in driving significant and real progress by 2030 towards a net zero and resilient future. This will be achieved through capital allocation decisions, stewardship and successful engagement with companies, policy makers and fellow investors. IIGCC works to support and help define the public policies, investment practices and corporate behaviours that address the long-term risks and opportunities associated with climate change.

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 260 signatories with $63 trillion AUM, with participation expected to continue to grow throughout 2022. 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 & Climate Resilience Investment Frameworks, and support implementation of the various alliances our members commit to.

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 of the Net Zero Investment Framework (NZIF), Climate Resilience Investment Framework (CRIF) and other thought leadership research and development on emerging thematics, providing deep investment expertise to support development of
these, addressing 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, each of whom is a leader in their areas. This role offers 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.

**Key responsibilities**

- **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 and investment in climate solutions,
- **Stakeholder engagement** – develop and manage relationships with partner organisations, third party data and methodology providers and funders to disseminate, consult on, and build buy-in to the Net Zero & Climate Resilient Investment Frameworks.
- **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**

- 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 and/or alternatives preferred)
- Demonstrable experience in constructing funding proposals and/or project workplans
- Understanding of carbon footprinting climate, sustainability reporting systems in the financial context and integrating climate objectives in the investment process
- Excellent writing and report writing skills including demonstrable experience editing and coordinating public reports, capacity building content and communication materials
- Strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills
- Strong project management, organisational and time management skills, with proven ability to prioritise your own and your team’s tasks
- 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 (other European languages an advantage but not essential)

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
- Access to independent financial advisor
- Life assurance
- Private healthcare

Applications
Deadline for applications: IIGCC will review applications on a rolling basis so would encourage early application.

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.