



## OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

**Position Title:** Deputy Director for Climate Science and Risk Communication

**Job ID Number:** 23350

### **ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE:**

In April 2015, Mayor Bill de Blasio released *One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City (OneNYC)*, which provides the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR) the mission to strengthen social and economic resiliency; upgrade buildings; adapt the region's infrastructure systems; and enhance the city's coastal defenses in response to the evolving risks associated with climate change and other 21st century threats. To learn more about OneNYC and New York City's resiliency initiatives, please visit: [www.nyc.gov/onenyc](http://www.nyc.gov/onenyc).

The Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR) is a diverse team composed of climate policy experts, urban planners, architects, engineers, and lawyers. We approach our work with a sense of urgency and a recognition that collaboration and collective action are required to prepare for and adapt our communities to a changing climate.

### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

ORR seeks a Deputy Director for Climate Science and Risk Communication to shape and advance integration of climate science into the City's resiliency projects, working across ORR, City agencies, and the members of the New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC), a Mayor-appointed advisory board of climate scientists required by local law to provide updated climate projections every three years.

This newly-formed portfolio presents an exceptional opportunity for a creative individual, steeped in science-informed decision-making, to shape a resilient future for New York City by translating and applying climate science to inform policies, programs, and public engagement that directly impact on-the-ground actions to adapt to climate change. The Deputy Director for Climate Science and Risk Communication will be building a new team, including identifying strategic priorities and developing a staffing plan. This position will be a key member of the ORR's senior staff, reporting to the Director.

Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Work with leadership and colleagues to ensure that goals, strategies, and assessments of impact, are grounded in, and informed by, the best-available science, providing policy-relevant scientific expertise and promoting innovative research and synthesis; serve as a bridge to connect City resilience priorities and projects with timely research and information.
- Track emerging scientific issues (e.g. groundwater table rise, rapid ice sheet melt) including best sources for data information, as well as, opportunities to advance understanding.
- Serve as the City's primary liaison to the NPCC, including facilitating the appointments process, shaping research priorities, and providing City input and feedback on NPCC outputs and deliverables.
- Build and maintain an extensive network of professionals and partnerships in the scientific community – with academics, key NGOs, government agencies, and other groups – for scientific collaboration to advance ORR's priorities.

- Develop strategic priorities for Climate Science and Risk Communication Team and develop staffing plan, based on a needs assessment within ORR and across the interagency community.
- Work closely with the Program Coordination and Delivery Team to fundraise for efforts to advance climate science, science-based decision-support, and technical assistance/training to help stakeholders identify risk and vulnerabilities.
- Identify, synthesize, and disseminate timely and relevant scientific research impacting NYC's resilience portfolio.
- Develop communication strategies to translate technical information that can be easily understood by various audiences, including senior decision-makers and the public.
- Inform and advise City-sponsored and external efforts related to climate education for various audiences.
- Represent ORR to promote science-informed decision making, activities, and thought leadership in resilience.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A graduate degree and at least 10 years of full-time relevant professional experience in a field related to this position; PhD strongly preferred.
- A strong technical background in climate science, including applied science relevant to adaptation and resilience, such as environmental, earth-system science, environmental economics and/or related field.
- Sophisticated understanding of issues relating to climate change resiliency in a large urban setting and/or the interplay of coastal resiliency, the built environment, energy, urban planning, and economic development. New York City-specific understanding a plus.
- Demonstrated ability to convene and direct high-level scientific capacity to inform resilience program, policy, and engagement issues.
- Attention to detail and excellent organization skills, which include and are not limited to: ability to manage complex projects; coordinate interagency programs; and maintain control of analytical details, while balancing large-scale program objectives.
- Extraordinary communication skills – written, oral, strategic, particularly in terms of translating highly technical information into clear and concise syntheses that can be easily explained and understood by the public.
- Proven ability to work productively with a wide variety of professionals in a team-based, collaborative environment.
- Highly resourceful and able to work both independently and as part of a broader team of multidisciplinary experts, as necessary.
- Experience in staff supervision and development.
- New York City government work experience a plus.

### **SALARY:**

Commensurate with Experience

### **TO APPLY:**

Please submit a resume, cover letter and three (3) references to [Candidate Application](#)

**New York City Residency Is Required Within 90 Days Of Appointment**

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