Job Description

Position: **Strategic Engagement Associate**
Status and Location: Full-time, Washington, D.C.
Reports to: Chief of Staff
FLSA Salary Classification: Full-time Exempt

**Position Summary:**
The Strategic Engagement Associate manages PRRI’s relationships with external groups working on issues related to the four main areas of PRRI research, including racial justice; immigration; LGBTQ rights; and religious, racial, and ethnic pluralism. The incumbent will be responsible for managing the PRRI Public Fellows program and coordinating two national networks of scholars and other public knowledge producers. As part of the Communications team, the incumbent will also assist with core communications functions for PRRI.

**Responsibilities:**
- Develop and manage a strategic framework for expanding PRRI’s reach and impact among organizations and scholars working in related sectors.
- Manage the PRRI Public Fellows program, an initiative that supports the work of a diverse group of 16 socially engaged scholars working across the four core areas of PRRI research, including ongoing monthly meetings and in-person annual convenings.
- Manage two national networks of 20-25 scholars and other public knowledge producers working in the areas of racial justice and immigration.
- Develop engaging content in collaboration with members of the Communications team for press materials, research briefings, presentations, and grant materials.

**Qualifications and Core Competencies:**
- Bachelor’s degree in communications, public affairs or a related field required. Advanced degree in religious studies, sociology, or related field a plus.
- Minimum five years of experience in external relations, legislative affairs, academic affairs, community organizing, or coalition building.
- Proactive, results-driven problem solver.
- Compelling communicator and strategic thinker with outstanding written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Exceptional time management, project management, and organizational skills.
- Displays personal credibility and integrity; treats all people with dignity and respect.

**About PRRI:**
PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute), founded in 2009, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to conducting independent research at the intersection of religion, culture, and public policy. PRRI research explores and illuminates America’s changing cultural, religious, and political landscape. The organization’s mission is to help journalists, scholars, pundits, thought leaders, clergy, and the general public better understand debates on public policy issues, and the important cultural and religious dynamics shaping American society and politics.

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Instructions for Applying:
Applications will be received until June 11, 2021, or until the position is filled. Please send cover letter, resume, and three professional references in a single PDF document to careers@prri.org. PRRI offers a competitive salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. No calls or agency inquiries, please.

PRRI is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from women, people of color, and other members of under-represented groups who will contribute to the diversity of our staff.