

Carly Kessler

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EDUCATION

University of Richmond

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Philosophy, Politics, Economics & Law (PPEL), Minor in History, Minor in Sustainability Studies

- Honors and Awards: University of Richmond Sustainability Leadership Award; Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

EXPERIENCE

Climate Leadership Council / Cleaner Economy Coalition

Policy and Government Relations Associate

Washington, DC

August 2023 - Present

- Drive policy strategy, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy campaigns advancing energy, trade, and industrial decarbonization priorities
- Track and analyze legislation, regulations, and congressional hearings; produce rapid-response research for leadership, congressional offices, and coalition partners
- Author high-value content, including briefings, op-eds, letters to the editor, policy memos, letters to policymakers, and grassroots materials for national and state-level audiences
- Coordinate advocacy campaigns by managing grassroots mobilization, researching and recruiting new advocates and industry partners, engaging state and federal political consultants, and reporting across state and federal initiatives
- Research financial disclosures, lobbying disclosures, and industry data to shape advocacy campaigns

Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Research and Communications Assistant

May - August 2023

- Researched federal carbon capture legislation and regulatory frameworks
- Produced and edited policy blogs, briefs, and publications for academic and policy audiences

Global Warming Mitigation Project

Aspen, Colorado (Remote)

Operations and Fundraising Intern

July 2022 - May 2023

- Supported development team in securing grants, major gifts, and partnerships
- Evaluated financial disclosures to assess eligibility and optimize fundraising strategy
- Helped design databases linking businesses and investors to high-impact clean energy and carbon offset projects

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Climatebase Fellowship

- Selected as 1 of ~250 fellows from 2,000+ applicants for competitive climate leadership program
- Participated in coursework on corporate sustainability, clean energy, green buildings, and carbon capture
- Built a network of researchers, investors, and sustainability leaders to accelerate career impact