



Call for applications: Senior Science Policy Officer (Chemicals)

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is recruiting a new **Senior Science Policy Officer (Chemicals)** to provide scientific support and develop technical content for HEAL's Health and Chemicals Programme, in particular for the implementation and reform of the REACH and CLP regulations.

We are looking for someone who wants to use their expertise to **help create a better, healthier world**. We specifically need someone who has:

- Strong academic background in chemistry, toxicology or epidemiology,
- Experience in providing science-based policy advice, and
- A good understanding of the EU chemicals regulatory processes.

About HEAL

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is the leading not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects human health in the European Union (EU) and beyond. HEAL works to shape laws and policies that promote planetary and human health and protect those most affected by pollution, and raise awareness on the benefits of environmental action for health. Our alliance brings together over 90 member organisations, representing health professionals, not-for-profit health insurers, doctors, nurses, cancer and asthma groups, citizens, women's groups, youth groups, environmental NGOs, scientists and public health institutes. Members include international and Europe-wide organisations, as well as national and local groups. Please visit our website for more information: www.env-health.org.

Purpose of the role

Reporting to the Lead, Health and Chemicals Programme, the Senior Science Policy Officer (Chemicals) will provide scientific support and develop technical content for HEAL's Health and Chemicals Programme as needed, and carry out the activities below for the areas of industrial chemicals, in particular the implementation and reform of the REACH and CLP regulations.

Key duties

Technical and scientific support

- Provide support to the Lead, Health and Chemicals Programme in analysis, research and scoping on EU chemicals policy files and identify strategic opportunities
- Provide technical input into the regulatory processes of chemicals under REACH and CLP, including responses to public consultations in the context of proposals for chemicals' hazard identifications and restrictions
- Monitor studies and research on chemicals and health as relevant in relation to HEAL's regulatory priorities

- Build up HEAL's network of researchers specialising on harmful chemicals

Policy uptake and communication

- Work closely with the HEAL chemicals team as well as with HEAL members, scientific institutions, and partner organisations to develop policy briefs, communication and stakeholder engagement tools, and science policy news
- Participate in and represent HEAL in EU expert/advisory deliberations on chemicals management as relevant
- Occasionally represent HEAL's positions and relevant evidence and public health concerns to institutions, regulatory agencies, members and partners

Organisational and member development

- Contribute to HEAL chemicals programme reporting obligations to funders and development
- Participate in HEAL Annual General Assembly, HEAL relevant internal working groups

Required skills, knowledge and experience

- Graduate degree or equivalent in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) field, preferably in the chemistry, toxicology or epidemiology – a doctorate degree in a relevant field is an asset
- A minimum of 5 years post-degree experience, of which a minimum of 3 years of providing science-based policy advice in the international context, including participation in technical and /or scientific committees
- Good understanding of the EU chemicals regulatory processes
- Good communications, organisational and networking skills
- Confidence in interacting with colleagues, other NGOs, industry and authorities
- Experience in using online communication tools
- Ability to multi-task and work independently and as part of a team
- Be a quick learner and motivated to go deeper into issues in view of finding solutions
- Be able to deliver accurate, high-quality work on time and meet deadlines
- Excellent command of spoken and written English
- Commitment to HEAL's values and mission

Desirable skills, knowledge and experience

- Training on toxicology and/or ecotoxicology and relevant experience in researching or performing risk assessment of chemicals
- Active participant in networks of scientific societies and organisations
- A track record of publications in peer-reviewed scientific and/or patent literature – Interdisciplinary technical publications are an asset
- Post-doctoral research experience is an asset

What we offer

- Permanent, full-time position (part-time negotiable)
- Location: Brussels (desirable) – remote working arrangements with regular travel to head office may be considered for the right candidate
- A competitive salary package, including lunch vouchers, hospitalisation insurance and a 14th month
- A friendly and supportive multicultural team
- Opportunities to meet and work with environmental and health representatives and other experts at EU and international level
- A flexible working environment
- A pleasant office space in an ethical building located in the heart of Brussels

How to apply

To apply for this position, please send your cover letter and CV in English with the subject heading "Senior Science Policy Offer Application – [Your Name]" to Stefan Grand-Meyer, Head of Human Resources (email: stefan@env-health.org). Applications close **at midnight (Central European Time) on Thursday 21 April 2022**.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to complete a test by the end of April. Interviews will be held in the first two weeks of May.

HEAL is an equal-opportunities and family-friendly employer. We encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates.

Please read our Privacy Policy before applying: <https://www.env-health.org/about/financing-funding/#privacy-policy>