



Rise Up is hiring a New Project Director!

RISE UP

Rise Up is a grantmaking and ecosystem building entity committed to nurturing the soul of Jewish social justice work. Initiated with funding and support from the Nathan Cummings Foundation in 2019, Rise Up is focused on work that is deepening the spiritual and cultural pathways between social justice and the richness of Jewish tradition and life. Rise Up puts an emphasis on centering the margins, including a priority on support for work led by Jews of Color and organizations with a clear racial justice commitment. For more on our work and grantees, see the website: www.riseupinitiative.org

After four years as Rise Up's initial lead researcher and project director, Claudia Horwitz will be transitioning out of the project director role. (She will continue to provide support with resource development and overall strategy.) Rise Up's Leadership Team is grateful for Claudia's thoughtful stewardship of the Rise Up community. Together we are planning an intentional transition, including overlap with an incoming Project Director in 2022, which will allow for our next leader to learn the ropes and transition relationships. We are hoping to cast a wide net for potential applicants to the role.

POSITION OVERVIEW

In its two years of existence, Rise Up has supported over 30 projects and organizations with funding, community building and coaching. Some highlights of our work:

- Grantmaking of \$650K over two years
- Development of two thriving Communities of Practice
- Spearheading research on this emerging ecosystem, to be released in fall 2021
- Cultivation of multiple relationships with potential funders
- Resource Mobilization Training for 11 grantee organizations
- Fortification for Mobilization series leading up to 2020 election

Rise Up is poised for a next chapter of evolution and growth. It embodies tremendous capacity to transform the Jewish social justice field and the elevating of prophetic work and voice from the Jewish community. The Project Director is a part-time role of 20 hours/week. It is designed for a somewhat seasoned practitioner interested in this level of work.

POSITION SPECIFICS

STRATEGIC VISION

Name and build the emerging ecosystem Rise Up is cultivating. This includes expanding the website, leveraging our forthcoming research project, and developing additional mediums to tell the story of Rise Up grantee work in creative ways.

Relationship building with others in adjacent and related fields, tracking overall needs and trends in Jewish spiritual life and Jewish social justice, and discerning opportunities for partnership with greatest impact.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Foster community and collaboration among grantees through the Community of Practice cohorts.

Help strengthen the impact of grantee organizations through Community of Practice cohorts, individual and small group coaching, and organizing “deep dive” trainings that support grantee development.

GRANT STEWARDSHIP

Manage a relational grantmaking process in collaboration with Rise Up’s project support staff. This includes communication with prospective grantees, crafting grant recommendations for the Leadership Team, stewarding final decisions, and overseeing grant administration.

GROW FUNDING BASE:

Build strong and collaborative relationships with existing and potential funders to both build resources for Rise Up and match funders with individual grantees for potential funding. Educate the Jewish and interfaith funding worlds about Rise Up’s work.

GOVERNANCE AND SUPERVISION

Guide the internal workings of the project including supervision of program support, managing the annual budget, supporting the work of the Rise Up Leadership Team and steward relationship with Nathan Cummings Foundation and other funders.

CAPACITIES

A candidate will thrive in this role if they have the following capacities and skills:

- Facilitative leadership
- Strategic thinking and implementation
- Hold boundaries and maturity around multiple roles including grant maker, community builder, fundraiser and partner
- Strong grounding in Jewish tradition, practice and/or community

- Build multiple types of trusting relationships
- Strong and clear communication, both verbally and in writing
- Holds clear anti-racist politics, approach and presence
- Efficiency and attention to detail
- Holding big picture

KEY DETAILS

- Hours: Please note again, this is a part-time position, 15-20 hours/week.
- Compensation: \$60-70K yearly based on experience; only PTO benefits provided.
- Start date: March 15, 2022. This new staff person and the current project director will overlap to ensure a smooth transition.
- Location: This is a remote position. As public health realities permit, there will be some limited travel for in-person gatherings.
- Reports to: Rise Up Leadership Team. Currently, Rise Up is fiscally sponsored by the SocialGood Fund.

Commitment to Racial Equity and Inclusion

Rise Up is committed to racial equity and inclusion at every level, from grantee support to our Leadership Team. Not only are we an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on any basis, we strongly encourage Jews of Color to apply.

How to Apply

Please fill out [this short Google Form](#); you'll be invited to upload a cover letter and resume.

Applications will be accepted through January 3, 2022 and preliminary conversations with qualified candidates will be conducted on a rolling basis.