Organizational Overview

The Rhode Island Office of Innovation was launched in January 2016 as a governor’s initiative—meant to support and accelerate sustainable innovation in Rhode Island’s public systems. We are a small but mighty team, working across sectors—in education, digital equity, and state government—to help redefine how government can best leverage its bully pulpit, its convening power, and its leadership role to best support all Rhode Islanders.

We operate with a portfolio of about fifteen active projects—all of varying sizes and scopes and all with key local implementation partners at the core. We tackle problems in non-traditional ways and use unique-to-government and pilot strategies to attain bold goals for our state. And we ground all our work in the structures and mindsets of improvement science and design thinking.

Description of Work

The RI Office of Innovation (RIOI) is currently seeking a part-time graphic design fellow to help us better share our story—and better share both the positive impact that this story is having for Rhode Islanders as well as the learnings we have garnered over our office’s and our projects’ lifespans.

The Graphic Design Fellow will work in direct collaboration with our office’s director as well as with all other members of office’s team to capture and share out the impact of our office, the impact of the current partnerships and efforts that we have underway, and the learnings we have garnered through each of our projects individually as well as collectively.

Specifically, the Graphic Design Fellow will:

- Lead graphic design of the RIOI Annual Report
- Use previously captured images and content to create social media graphics and other infographics for sharing vignettes and data points for individual projects across the education and digital equity portfolios.
- Develop a template and support creation of a style guide for RIOI case studies and future storytelling projects

This will be a part-time, short-term, and contract-based position, beginning as soon as possible and ending on July 31, 2019, with the potential to extend the term of service. The Graphic Design Fellow will be paid a competitive hourly rate; the final contract term and deliverables will be negotiated between the Fellow and RIOI to be mutually beneficial.

This position is an amazing opportunity for a graphic designer who is interested in engaging more deeply with the public sector, thrives in a fast-paced and creative environment, is
self-motivated and does well with independent work, and wants to learn about and support truly impactful innovation projects across the state of Rhode Island.

Qualifications

The successful candidate:

- Is a creative, resourceful individual who is able to take risks and be comfortable pushing new ideas.
- Can meet soft and hard deadlines with limited direct oversight.
- Has strong skills in design and photo-editing software; a fluency in Adobe Creative Suite is preferred.
- Has a keen eye and mind for visually representing both discrete data points in compelling ways as well as complex programs and systems in clear and tangible ways.
- Has an eye for details and an attention to and accuracy with “all the little things.”
- Believes in the Open movement; all RIOI materials are openly licensed through Creative Commons, including any and all materials created through this contract work.
- (Goes without saying, but a love of Rhode Island is also a must-have!)

Interested candidates should send an email stating interest along with their resume and link to online design portfolio to innovate.info@innovate.ri.gov. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

The RIOI encourages candidates with all diverse identities to apply--including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, and veteran or disability status. The Rhode Island Office of Innovation is an equal opportunity proponent.