

PROGRAM MANAGER - ENVIRONMENTAL

NGO



ANIMAL CAREER PROFILES

DESCRIPTION

As a program manager in the field of climate mitigation, your tasks and jobs can differ highly. Ultimately, the work depends on the specific program that your team works on and it can contain a multitude of different tasks. The projects will, in some way or another, be aimed at lowering greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate change, either nationally or on an international level. The projects themselves will always have a connection to climate science, but they can range between highly scientific and academic research work and very practical/political activities. In the climate mitigation field, the yearly COP (Conference of the Parties), which is the most important international climate conference, plays a big role. Usually, NGOs will send delegates to this conference where they can either present their own work in the field or get an overview of what the rest of the world has done in terms of climate mitigation over the last year and partake in multilateral negotiations.

EDUCATION

A typical educational background for a program manager of climate mitigation contains undergraduate and graduate studies (Bachelor and Master) in an environmental field, usually to some degree natural scientific background. Typically, a combination of natural and social sciences is welcome for this position, since the field ultimately requires knowledge of the science behind climate change, as well as the political and societal structures with which climate protection/ mitigation can be enforced. Examples could be a Bachelor's degree in Geography/Environmental Science/ Earth Sciences paired with a Master's in Sustainable Development/Political Science/Natural Resource Management/International Relations all with a focus on Climate Science and Climate Politics.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Research and Writing Skills - the ability to do scientific research and have writing experience, ideally in more than one language, is preferred

Computer Software Knowledge - proficiency with MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is a must. Additional IT skills are usually welcome

Team Player - the ability to work in a team and in cooperation with colleagues is essential

Leadership Skills and Experience - leadership qualities are important as well as having an open personality in order to manage programs and be flexible in the work environment

TYPICAL
SALARY

**\$50K-
\$70K**