

## **New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance Fellowship**

Identification of Best Practices in the U.S. Business Community for planning and preparing for a changing climate with regards to: place-based operations, supply chain impacts, and long term investment decisions.

Climate adaptation and preparedness efforts nationally have generally focused on the public sector in terms of public policy. There is a need for greater engagement and support of the business community to identify leading practices in the private sector to identify and address vulnerabilities in local operations, supply chain disruptions, and long term investment so as to identify leading practices within the business community separate from regulatory mandates and public policy. The Fellow will conduct a literature search (peer reviewed and grey literature), interviews with business leaders, and a review of corporate governance recommendations (e.g. CERES) that relate to climate preparedness.

The final product will be a report with an overview of activity in the area of private sector (business) climate preparedness and adaptation with anecdotes on "leading practices" within the business community. The Fellow will be asked to participate in discussions with business representatives of the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance to identify tools needed by the business community to better enhance preparedness and adaptation.

**Location:** New Brunswick, NJ (Rutgers)

**Time commitment:** 40 hours per week, June-August

### **Outcomes:**

At the end of this project the fellow will have gained:

1. Strong research skills including survey research;
2. Strengthened writing skills in terms of summarizing a variety of sources of data into a single report and set of recommendations;
3. Enhanced interview techniques and an opportunity to engage business representatives in discussions about climate adaptation needs;
4. Enhanced understanding of climate change impacts on business operations including localized operations, long-term investment and supply chain management.
5. Project management experience.