

## FIACONA Advocacy Director

FIACONA is looking for a passionate, hard-working, flexible, and ambitious go-getter to serve as our Advocacy Director! This position is looking for someone who is passionate about defending the persecuted church of India, and who will influence others to the cause! All through strategic legislative and grassroots efforts. And most importantly, a person of character and integrity, with a strong Christian foundation.

This is a full-time position, based in Washington, D.C., that reports to the Executive Director. And must be filled by January 2024.

Salary: \$70-85k annually

### *Duties & Responsibilities:*

- Work alongside the Executive Director to oversee and direct the legislative priorities of FIACONA – specifically advocating for the persecuted church of India and strategic U.S./India relationship strategy.
- Create strategy and guidance on key issues and initiatives.
- Create and pursue opportunities for FIACONA to be a voice on Capitol Hill.
- Work to influence the outcome of relevant legislation and policies in line with FIACONA positions.
- Build and strengthen relationships with Congressional offices on Capitol Hill including Members, staff, etc.
- Manage and steer the FIACONA Capitol Hill Fellowship program.
- Assist in event planning for FIACONA legislative efforts.
- Build relationships with like-minded organizations.
- Develop and oversee all FIACONA campaigns.
- Develop and oversee FIACONA's statewide grassroots chapter programs and initiatives.
- Identify strategies to engage, educate, and activate grassroots supporters in advocacy.
- Serve as a public figure and voice for FIACONA by being an active spokesperson/advocate in the Washington, D.C. environment.
- Occasionally contribute to FIACONA fundraising efforts.

### *Qualifications:*

- Expertise in India/U.S. relations.
- Expertise in religious persecution issues specifically related to India.
- Knowledge of Indian culture/diverse religious beliefs, etc.
- Preferred international experience.
- University degree in a related field.
- Management experience.
- Strong English grammar and ability to communicate effectively verbally and through writing.
- Capitol Hill experience or government relations experience coupled with a strong understanding of the U.S. legislative process.

- Capitol Hill legislative experience STRONGLY preferred.

#### *Application Process*

Email a copy of your cover letter and resume/CV and any questions you may have to [info@fiacona.org](mailto:info@fiacona.org) with subject line, "Advocacy Director".

If you are selected, there will be an initial phone screening, followed by an interview, and then a final panel interview.

#### ***About FIACONA***

FIACONA is a Washington DC based voluntary, charitable organization advocating on behalf of 1 million strong Indian American Christians from all 50 states and Canada, It is a coalition of Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Pentecostal and independent church and civic organizations primarily of Indian Americans. FIACONA is a bridge builder for ecumenical advocacy focused on finding ways to reduce violence against Christians in India. Our focus is to preserve the socio-political space of the Christian church from encroachment by nationalist radical groups in the name of Hinduism or their representatives in the Indian government.

Our priorities:

- Protecting the interest of the Christian church in the Union of India is the primary mission of FIACONA.
- Ensuring the social, cultural, and political space of the church besides the protection of fundamental rights to safety, security and equal status of every single person following the Christian faith in the Union of India remains a priority for FIACONA.
- The threat to lives and properties of Christian communities in India, in spite of having all imaginable protections enshrined in the Constitution of India, remains a serious concern for the Federation.