

**Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance Policy Fellow**  
San Antonio, TX | Part-Time | Remote flexibility

**Project Title:** Comparative Analysis of Assured Water Supply Policies and Regulations Across the Western United States and Texas at the Municipal, County, and State Level

**Project Duration:** 12 Weeks

**Organization Description:** [The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#) (GEAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes effective broad-based advocacy for protection and preservation of the Edwards and Trinity aquifers, their springs, watersheds, and the Texas Hill Country that sustains them. The Edwards Aquifer is the source of the largest springs in Texas and the sole source of drinking water for more than 1.5 million Central Texas residents.

**Project Overview:** The Fellow will help GEAA with a policy research priority by completing a research project resulting in a white paper with recommendations and a final presentation. The Fellow will research and conduct a literature review of assured water supply policies, laws, and regulations at the municipal, county, and state level in the Western United States and compare these policies with those in Texas. The Fellow will then develop a white paper outlining the comparative analysis, policy recommendations, and areas for future research. Recommendations should include recommendations for current and projected high-growth areas of Texas. At the end of the fellowship, the Fellow will present their research and recommendations in a presentation to policymakers and GEAA/EarthShare Texas member groups.

**Project Deliverables:**

- White Paper – a report that can be distributed to relevant policymakers and GEAA member groups
- Final Presentation – presentation in medium of fellow's choice providing overview of literature review, comparative analysis, and recommendations based on research

**Skills Needed:** Strong research and writing skills. Recommended fields of study include Environmental Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, Environmental Science, or related.

**Fellow Benefits:** On top of the networking and learning and development opportunities provided by EarthShare Texas, the GEAA Policy Fellow can expect to gain the following:

- Professional development through interviews with subject matter experts and development and presentation of deliverables
- Networking opportunities through GEAA member groups and events
- Policy research and writing experience
- Non-profit workforce experience
- Greater understanding of municipal, county, and state water policies and regulations
- Become the author of a published white paper