

Dear Team at NREL,

I am writing about the Project Manager position at NREL, because I want to dedicate my life to growing renewable energy. With six years of research experience, I have been searching for a position to transition into the climate space. In return, you will find an incredibly fast learner, skilled in critical and creative thinking skills, with a resilience and independence that comes with years in high-energy, dynamic environments.

From my six years of work in sustainably-focused biology start-ups, I have become an adaptable, communicative, and empathetic individual. I value interpersonal interactions and their influence on projects. My year as a lab manager in a sustainable synthetic biology company has equipped me with the organizational and strategic thinking skills necessary to coordinate the incremental implementation and iterations of a product successfully. My four years as a research associate at a start-up and throughout my Master's means that I understand data analysis and visualization. Further, both positions have required detailed and autonomous work, including report and proposal generation directed towards diverse stakeholders. Working closely with both private and public partners throughout my research career, I have successfully collaborated across disciplines on multidisciplinary projects. My experience in speaking at scientific conferences or hosting symposiums has provided me with the necessary tools to facilitate productive discussions and foster collaboration.

My lifelong goal has been to contribute to renewable resources and aid this planet in reaching a healthy and beautiful state. Though I have not worked directly in the climate space yet, I believe my ability to quickly comprehend information through experiences in computationally heavy research will be translatable to managing projects in the Computational Sciences Center. I have worked across topics bordering climate, such as molecular biology, environmental sciences, and sustainable biotechnology, not only showing my ability to learn fast, but also hopefully bringing a diverse viewpoint to your team.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Gong