



Government Relations Consultant

The business

McMillan Vantage is a full-service, national public affairs firm providing counsel to help organizations like be more competitive. We advance clients' priorities and reduce their exposure to political, regulatory and reputational risk.

McMillan Vantage is unique in Canada thanks to our strategic partnership with one of Canada's leading national business law firms—McMillan LLP. This allows our combined teams to deliver seamlessly integrated public affairs and legal services. With offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Montréal, Calgary, Vancouver and Hong Kong, we provide local service on a national and international scale. Our goal is to become the firm of choice for clients requiring government relations, strategic communications, public policy, advocacy, corporate purpose and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) advisory services.

The role

The Government Relations Consultant position is a dynamic position with significant scope and depth. If you are talented, curious and keen, you will have the opportunity to build experience and hone your judgment while helping clients achieve their public affairs goals. You will thrive by combining the ability to understand a number of wide-ranging issues with the practical ability to craft and implement effective solutions.

This role will give you the opportunity to work with some of Canada's most established public affairs professionals, and to better understand Canada's public policy process from a private sector vantage point. Given our existing client needs, priority will be given to those candidates with a depth knowledge of the federal government, with additional consideration given for those candidates who also possess a knowledge of provincial policy in British Columbia.

You are a highly-organized team player with the ability to work effectively on several projects at one time. Having experience in political campaigns and/or government is an important asset. The role also has a significant independent element. Our consultants are expected to take initiative, demonstrate sound judgement, produce excellent work and ask for help as needed.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- developing government relations strategies;
- creating and managing work plans;
- working with our strategic communications team on issues as needed;
- developing content for clients such as presentations and whitepapers;
- managing small projects;
- identifying business development opportunities and writing business proposals; and
- helping / supporting team members on a variety of client files as needed.

Ideally, you have five to seven years of experience working in public affairs, government relations, politics or with government, and / or as a consultant. You might have a college diploma or university degree in a related program such as political science, communications, public affairs, public relations or journalism but if you do not, you've been involved in campaigns or the political process at the federal or provincial level of government. You are able to register to lobby at the federal level.

You possess the following competencies / characteristics:

- Curious problem-solver and self-starter with proven initiative
- Advanced knowledge of Canadian public policy and the political process
- Excellent communications and presentation skills
- Excellent writing and editing skills, with a strong attention to detail
- Ability to manage several projects to meet tight deadlines
- Flexibility and eagerness to learn new things in a fast-paced environment
- Proven experience working independently, with strong time management skills
- Proactive, positive attitude and skills to work with a variety of stakeholders
- PowerPoint skills are an asset in the role

Ability to speak, read and write in French is preferred but not required.

McMillan Vantage is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all firm members.

Please apply by providing a combined cover letter and resume. Applications will be accepted until Monday, April 19th.