

Money in Politics Researcher - [Documented](#)

Location: Virtual

Experience: Minimum 3 years research experience

Term: Full-time employee

Summary:

Documented is looking for a researcher to support our ongoing investigations into current efforts to undermine American democracy at various levels. This researcher will collaborate with colleagues, journalists, and allies to expose unethical, illegal, and negligent behavior among political actors, corporations, and/or front groups. The role will require expertise on how money in politics reshapes democracy to favor the most powerful, and an interest in exposing those having the most corrosive impact.

About Documented:

Documented is a watchdog group that investigates how corporations manipulate public policy, harming our environment, communities, and democracy. Started in 2017, Documented has conducted groundbreaking investigations on senior Trump administration officials, industry trade associations, and corporate networks such as the American Legislative Exchange Council and the State Policy Network. Our work has influenced congressional hearings, national media coverage, and corporate behavior.

Role & Responsibilities:

The position will take on a variety of roles to assist the Documented research team in long-term investigations. The exact job responsibilities are fluid day to day, and require creative thinking and independent work. The job necessitates someone who is flexible, doggedly interested in these issues, able to identify (typically overlooked) connections between individuals, organizations and politicians, and who will bring an entrepreneurial spirit to the job.

Ideal candidates should have:

- Understanding of, and interest in following, national politics and current events, as well as knowledge of key influential individuals, organizations and corporations shaping public policy.
- Familiarity with investigative research methods including public records requests, campaign finance review, human source development, and databases, as well as resourcefulness and creativity with research conducted via social media platforms, traditional media or other sources. Previous experience with tech tools that can be used for research is helpful.
- Ability to conduct and assist with extensive long-term research investigations under deadlines.
- Meticulous attention to detail and accuracy in research, writing and editing.
- Ability to digest and summarize large amounts of information and data.

- Strong organizational process for sorting and keeping track of large quantities of data and materials.
- Interest in parsing through and analyzing complex data or technical language to identify compelling, untold stories.
- Strong writing skills. This researcher will develop memos summarizing key research findings either for internal discussion as well as for publication. Will work with editors to finalize any research to ensure it is accurate and well written. Will also need to develop content for the website.
- Familiarity and comfort with social media. Role will require occasional posts to our social platforms in order to promote and distribute content.
- Desire to collaborate with allies and teammates in a fast-changing environment.
- In a safe-to-travel environment, willingness to travel for events or other research needs.
- A willingness to dive in, make mistakes, learn quickly, and have some fun. Our team will be here to support you.
- Experience and familiarity with advocacy campaigning or journalism is a plus.

Documented is committed to creating an inclusive community and strongly encourages those who identify as women, gender non-conforming, LGBTQIA+, people of color, and persons with disabilities to apply.

If interested, please apply [here](#). Please direct questions to jobs@documented.net.

The compensation for this position is \$56,000. We offer health insurance, which includes vision and dental care. We also provide life insurance and disability coverage, as well as parental leave, sick and vacation time.