

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA or the Agency), an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, has a mandate to enable and support technological innovation across all sectors of the economy in order to achieve socio-economic benefits for South Africa and enhance its global competitiveness.

The Agency is a public entity with the aim of enhancing the country's capacity to translate a greater proportion of local research and development from Higher Education Institutions, Science Councils, Public Entities and Private Research Institutions into commercial technology products and services. For further information, please visit our website: www.tia.org.za

PROGRAMME MANAGER: TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAMME (PRETORIA): REF:TIA07/09/15

Package:

R532,000 all-inclusive remuneration package per annum- negotiable

Reports to:

Head: Technology Innovation Programme (TIP)

Purpose:

A Technology Innovation Programme (TIPs) is a collaboration between private sector companies within an economic sector or industry value chain and universities (HEIs) and/or science councils (SCs) to provide market-ready solutions for improved competitiveness of a particular sector and its players. Existing TIPs are in the following sectors: Animal health; genomics; electric vehicles/e-Mobility

Key Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Head: TIPs, identify potential TIPs and scope the programme, including: Partners, Projects, Funders, Stakeholders (e.g. local government; development agencies), and governance & oversight structures (e.g. steering committees)
- Manage a portfolio of TIPs from initiation through to successful programme close
- Participate in Steering Committees and the like, as necessary; monitor and evaluate the performance of the programme, its projects, and its participants
- Initiate programme/project re-scopes if required
- Ensure adherence to reporting obligations to TIA
- Prepare quarterly disbursement documentation in cases where TIA is providing financial support to a TIP
- Actively manage and grow the relationships between TIA and the programme participants
- Actively seek out and build beneficial relationships in the private sector, public sector, HEIs and SCs
- Establish mutually beneficial relationships with similar programmes locally and internationally
- Leverage funds from third party investors for new and existing TIPs (local and international)
- Ensure TIPs information is recorded on TIA's Fund Management System, and shared internally and externally via a suitable knowledge platform (which is to be developed)
- Ensure compliance with all relevant policies, procedures and frameworks
- Contribute to process improvement within the unit.

Requirements:

A four year degree in Engineering, Science or Technology or equivalent with three years experience within the technology and innovation environment. In addition to above, Business Administration; Project Management; Technology Management; Finance; Economics • Three years experience in private sector, some of which must have been spent in client-liaison roles • Experience in a university technology transfer/commercialisation environment • In addition to above, experience in: Working with HEIs/SCs; commercial or R&D agreements

Apply via email to recruit@tia.org.za, quote reference (REF) number in subject line by no later than 25 September 2015, at 17:00.

Important note: If you do not hear from us within three months of the closing date, please regard your application as unsuccessful • Correspondence will be entered into with short-listed candidates only • Technology Innovation Agency reserves the right not to make an appointment • Appointment is subject to security clearance, the signing of a performance agreement or plan, verification of the applicant's documents and reference checking • Applications received after the closing date will not be considered • Please clearly indicate the reference number of the position you apply for in the subject line of your application. If you apply for more than one position, submit separate applications.