technology innovation
AGENCY

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

HEAD: TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAMME (PRETORIA): REF: TIA04/09/15

Package:
R733,700 all-inclusive remuneration package per annum- negotiable

Reports to:
Executive: Innovation Enabling and Support and position is based in Pretoria.

Main Job Purpose:
To facilitate and provide an enabling environment for technology innovation to take place, via collaborations amongst value chain players, public research institutions, and other role players

Key Responsibilities:
- To develop a Technology Innovation Programme (TIP) Business Plan with a budget in collaboration with strategic partners with the aim to leverage funds from third party investors
- Manage its implementation, deliverables and outputs to ensure that solutions developed lead to the intended outcomes
- Work closely with the Executive of the division to identify new potential TIPs and lead the engagement with strategic stakeholders, including: Partners (private & public), funders (private; public; local; international), and stakeholders (e.g. local government; development agencies)
- To develop a Strategic Plan for new TIPs with the participation of programme partners
- Manage the TIPs programme ensuring that each TIP is performing well, achieving its objectives and delivering according to their plan
- Seek, manage and grow beneficial relationships in the private sector, public sector, HEIs and SCs
- Establish mutually beneficial relationships with similar programmes locally and internationally Identify and secure new funding opportunities for the programme
- Leverage funds from third party investors for new and existing TIPs
- Ensure effective and efficient management of the Programme
- Provide leadership to the Unit and existing partnership programmes.

Requirements:
- A Masters degree in Engineering, Science or Technology or equivalent
- Five years experience within the technology and innovation environment
- Two years management experience• A PhD in Engineering, Science or Technology will be an added advantage
- In addition to above, Business Administration; Project Management; Technology Management; Finance or Economics.
- At least 5 years' experience in private sector, some of which must have been spent in client-facing roles, and/or experience in a university technology transfer/commercialisation environment
- 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. .