

Position for Commercialisation Manager (1 year contract)

The Ion Channel Biotechnology Centre (ICBC) was established by Enterprise Ireland in 2009 under the Applied Research Enhancement Programme. ICBC is the commercialisation arm of the Smooth Muscle Research Centre at Dundalk Institute of Technology. ICBC is developing partnerships with industry on drug toxicity testing and testing of ion channel drug candidates, including advancing internally generated intellectual property. A vacancy exists to develop the industry collaborations and to reinforce ICBC position as a partner of choice in ion channel biology. Applications are sought from suitably qualified candidates to fill the position detailed below.

Ion Channel Biotechnology Centre Commercialisation Manager (ref SMRC 11-02)

The Ion Channel Biotechnology Centre (ICBC) of the Smooth Muscle Research Centre at DkIT comprises a cross disciplinary research team that utilise the combined expertise of physiologists, pharmacologists, molecular biologists and organic chemists to identify novel targets and develop innovative potential treatments for two diseases - urinary incontinence and osteoarthritis. The Commercialisation Manager will play a central role in this team and will be responsible for increasing the industrial engagement with the Centre and identifying routes to commercialization from IP arising from their research. He/She will liaise with national and international pharmaceutical industry and academia to develop a portfolio of potential research partners. Applications are invited from individuals who possess a combination of industrial experience, academic prowess and entrepreneurial flair to fulfil the vision of this project. The ideal candidate will possess a PhD in Biophysics or a related subject (although this is not essential) and have a minimum of 5 years industrial experience in this technology area. He/She should have demonstrable experience of IP protection and exploitation, development of interactions with industry and a good knowledge of the existing industry in Ireland. The post is available from 1st July 2011 for one year. Informal enquires can be made through mark.hollywood@dkit.ie.

Further information on the position to include job descriptions, minimum qualifications and application forms are available on the Institute website www.dkit.ie and IrishJobs.ie.

Or alternatively from:

The Human Resources Office, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Dublin Road, Dundalk.
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Starting Salary: Up to €67,550 (plus 20% pension contribution and subject to satisfactory performance). Starting salary is dependent on experience.

Closing Date: