



Medical Technologies Cluster Manager

Are you looking to make a difference to health and wealth outcomes in Northern Ireland?

Do you want to develop new skills in network building, cluster management and innovation activities?

If so, the Health Innovation Research Alliance would like to hear from you.

We are growing and have a one-year fixed term position (with possibility of further extension) to support development of the Health and Life Sciences ecosystem in Northern Ireland. It is an exciting time to harness the strengths and capabilities of the Northern Ireland Health and Life Sciences sector, as investment was announced in Dec 2021 for the Northern Ireland City and growth deals.

This new HIRANI role is a rewarding opportunity to use your skills to build a vibrant cluster focused on medical technology and diagnostics across the NI Ecosystem. You will work alongside diverse stakeholders and leaders drawn from across academia/industry/health, to develop a cluster which promotes trust, knowledge exchange and influences innovation activities. Every day will be different, and the role will see you meet a diverse range of people to learn how to frame their challenges and support their future needs for collaboration, funding, and access to talent as the sector transforms over the next decade and beyond.

The closing date for applications is Monday 13th June 2022 at 4pm.

Interviews will take place between 22nd and 24th June inclusive. The anticipated starting date is from 1st August 2022.

Please apply via email to info@hira-ni.com, with your current C.V. and a covering letter. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

We are also open to consider a secondment but please get in touch to discuss before making an application. You can contact info@hira-ni.com with questions or to arrange to speak informally about the role.

HIRANI is an equal opportunities employer.

Closing Date: Monday 13th June 2022 4pm

Location: A mixture of working from home and the office in central Belfast 2-3 days per week but be willing to travel to meetings occasionally within UK and Ireland up to once a month.

Salary: £35,000 - £42,000 per Annum (depending on experience)

Anticipated Interview Date: Timeframe 22nd-24th June 2022

Anticipated start-date: 1st August 2022

Duration: Fixed term 1- year position with the intention to extend (funding permitting).

BACKGROUND:

HIRANI is a not-for-profit organisation, launched in 2019 to better integrate the academic, and clinical institutions with Health and Life science businesses to positively impact translation, productivity, economic growth and deliver positive health outcomes for the citizens of Northern Ireland. It is formed by an alliance of Ulster University, Queen's University Belfast, Invest-Northern Ireland, the Department of Health and Department of Economy.

In 2020, HIRA-NI was awarded >£1m over three years by Invest-Northern Ireland to foster economic growth, help speed up the delivery of health innovations to the public, and to continue to grow the ecosystem and the region's national and international standing. HIRANI is looking to appoint a Cluster Manager.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To develop productive relationships with industry, SMEs and entrepreneurs, and other Key stakeholders within the Northern Ireland Health and Life Sciences Ecosystem e.g., the HSC, Invest NI, and the Northern Ireland Universities.
2. To develop and deliver network building activities/events in MedTech and Diagnostics.
3. To develop themed meetings and consortia within the NI Health and Life Sciences Ecosystem, including inviting and engaging a diverse range of stakeholders e.g., key opinion leaders, funders.
4. To manage the delivery and development of HIRANI projects at high quality and pace in a challenging environment.
5. Help create an ecosystem wide oversight of our existing Innovation strengths and opportunities as well as its unmet needs
6. Identify emerging innovation and research opportunities to support work streams in delivery of their aims.
7. Advise and guide ecosystem stakeholders on development, adoption and spread of Innovation across Northern Ireland.
8. Actively monitor opportunities for investment and support for innovation from local, regional, and national initiatives.
9. Other duties as required.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. A degree (at least 2.1) or higher degree in a Biomedical Sciences related subject, preferably with an interest in medical engineering, healthcare analytics and/or diagnostics.
2. An excellent knowledge of the health innovation lifecycle and diverse drivers and challenges for each stakeholder.

3. Have worked in at least one of the following areas of a health and life science ecosystem, HSC or NHS, university, or private sector.
4. Innovative, able to problem solve and make decisions from a broad range of complex options and data
5. Proven track record of influencing and negotiating across a broad range of professions and organisations as appropriate, including stakeholders at mid to senior level
6. Highly effective interpersonal communication and people management skills including delivering presentations, planning events, writing reports.
7. Proven track record in project and budgetary management.
8. Flexibility- be willing to travel to meetings and attend events outside working hours.
9. Highly organised with the ability to plan and run online webinars and in-person meetings including agendas, minutes, and next steps

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Have a developed a network of contacts within the Northern Ireland Health and Life Sciences Ecosystem
2. Current Project Management qualification
3. Experience across 2 or more of the following areas of a health and life science ecosystem, HSC or NHS, university, or private sector.
4. Event management

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