

POSITION: Programme Manager – Internationalisation & Innovation
LOCATION: North East
TYPE: Permanent

THE ORGANISATION

RTC is an independent, dynamic and highly successful organisation, working across three sites in the North of England. We work with companies, individuals, networks and clusters and the public sector to help regions create more and better jobs. Established almost 30 years ago, RTC has a trusted reputation for delivering services which help businesses to innovate, compete and grow.

RTC is the lead partner for the North of England in the worlds' largest business support network - Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) – and has established relationships with partners in Europe, Asia and the Americas. RTC also delivers a dedicated innovation management programme – Innovate2Succeed (i2s) – in three Local Enterprise Partnership regions: the North East, Leeds City and Liverpool City. The i2s programme is closely linked to EEN and both projects are delivered in partnership with Innovate UK, the UK's innovation agency.

THE POST

RTC are looking to recruit a highly motivated and dynamic Team Leader for both the EEN and i2S programmes to cover the North East region.

The post is based in the Sunderland office, but the person appointed will be required to visit regularly the other RTC offices (Leeds and Daresbury) and travel to other UK and European destinations several times a year.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage and develop the EEN team and i2s teams
- Foster joint activity with local business support and specific R&D intensive organisations
- Create new opportunities for the delivery of RTC Services across the North of England
- Manage delivery of EEN and i2s contractual targets
- Ensure data integrity and audit transparency in all record keeping



THE PERSON

The successful candidate is likely to have a degree level (or equivalent) qualification, ideally with a post-graduate business qualification. They will have experience in business development, project management, innovation and leading a team, gained either in the commercial sector and/or in a consultancy/business support environment. An international mindset, with experience of working internationally is essential. Experience of managing European funded projects and EU project delivery at a senior level would be helpful, but is not essential.

Skills

- Excellent communication skills, ability to listen and to express ideas clearly – verbally, face to face, by telephone and in written form
- Confident and clear presentational skills
- Training, mentoring and coaching skills
- Ability to analyse and interpret business and financial plans
- High level analytical and reporting skills
- Proven project management experience, ability to plan and prioritise work/resources to deliver against agreed targets
- Experience of planning and implementing strategic marketing and promotional activities to attract business and raise the profile of projects/organisations

Personal Qualities

- Dynamic with drive and determination to make a difference
- A good team player with a willingness to learn
- Flexible, open and positive
- An active influencer and problem solver

Background

Funded by both the European Commission and Innovate UK, EEN is an important tool in the EU's strategy to boost growth and jobs whilst also supporting Innovate UK's localisation agenda. EEN provides a direct route for SMEs to proactively build partnerships across 60+ countries to further their ambitions to innovate, grow and internationalise.



The Enterprise Europe Network helps SMEs:

- Innovate & internationalise
- Develop their business in new markets
- Source or license new technologies
- Obtain access to EU finance/funding
- Give feedback on European policy and legislation

EEN has close to 600 member organisations across the EU, and beyond and includes chambers of commerce and industry, technology centres, universities and regional government agencies.

RTC deliver the Innovate2Succeed programme under the EEN banner. The Programme is funded by Innovate UK and the European Regional Development Fund.

The Package

RTC is a dynamic medium sized independent Technology Transfer Company. Its' ambition is to expand its offer and excellent reputation for delivering high quality projects across the North of England. Joining RTC at this exciting time affords an unparalleled opportunity to make a difference and be part of the economic growth of the North.

As a medium sized company, the teams work closely together, sharing skills, knowledge and experience which helps to create a thriving, healthy and fast moving, working environment.

The post benefits from flexi time, a generous holiday entitlement and contributory pension.

HOW TO APPLY

For further information please contact either martin.mcgurk@rtcnorth.co.uk or Andrew.buckley@rtcnorth.co.uk

If you feel you have the necessary skills and experience to undertake this role, please forward your c.v. and letter of application, confirming current salary and benefits package to:

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