
Technology Transfer Officer (100%)

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and agile reality in continuous development, launched towards new challenges under the banner of its three guiding values: quality, openness, and responsibility. Active in various areas of study and research, USI offers its students an education as protagonists, engaging and interdisciplinary, and its researchers and collaborators a privileged space of autonomy and freedom of initiative.

USI Transfer is the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) of Università della Svizzera italiana. It supports USI researchers, faculty, and research units in the valorisation and transfer of research results to the industrial, entrepreneurial, and institutional world. Its activities include intellectual property management, patentability assessment of inventions, negotiation of licences and industrial collaboration agreements, support for the creation of academic spin-offs, as well as the promotion of a culture of technology transfer within the university and in synergy with the Ticino and Swiss innovation ecosystem.

To complement the USI Transfer team, USI is opening a position for a **Technology Transfer Officer (100%)**

Position

- Support researchers in the valorisation of research results: collecting invention disclosures, conducting preliminary patentability assessments, and managing contacts with external intellectual property consultants
- Contribute to the preparation and monitoring of collaboration agreements, research contracts, licences, and non-disclosure agreements with industrial and institutional partners
- Support researchers interested in creating spin-offs, facilitating access to available tools and resources
- Manage administrative and communication activities of the service: database updates, reporting, and organisation of events and awareness initiatives for the USI community

Profile, skills and professional experience

Education

- Master's degree in natural sciences, engineering, computer science, law, or related disciplines; a background or experience in intellectual property, innovation, or technology transfer is highly desirable
- (Optional) In exceptional and proven circumstances, extensive professional experience in the relevant field may be considered in lieu of formal educational qualifications.



- Excellent oral and written communication skills in Italian and English
- Knowledge of another Swiss national language (German or French) is considered an advantage
- Excellent IT skills (Microsoft Office Suite, online management tools, etc.)

Personal and Soft Skills (Tailorable)

- Enthusiasm for innovation and technology transfer; ability to work transversally across diverse topics in an international academic context
- Interpersonal skills within a team and with diverse, multicultural audiences
- Fast learner with strong operational speed, precision, and discretion
- Ability to take ownership, work independently, and deliver high-quality results
- Precision, attention to detail, culture and commitment to quality and ethics
- Service-oriented mindset, highly motivated, and able to thrive in a dynamic, high-output team
- Proactive and reactive approach with strong problem-solving and project-planning skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Situational awareness and professionalism in approach and interaction
- Flexibility in multitasking and managing diverse activities simultaneously; ability to handle high workloads, responsibility, and complexity
- Open-minded personality, with the ability to thrive in an international and intercultural environment

The following will be considered an asset

- Experience in a TTO, intellectual property, applied research, industrial consulting, or similar contexts (including brief or study-related experience)
- Basic knowledge of intellectual property law or the Swiss university regulatory framework; familiarity with innovation funding instruments (Innosuisse) or the Swiss start-up ecosystem
- Familiarity with the specific context of USI

Pursuant to Article 10a of the Law on Higher Education Institutions (LSU), and where qualifications and requirements are equal and institutional objectives are respected, priority shall be given to eligible resident candidates.

Working at USI

The administrative staff at USI plays a key role in ensuring the University's smooth operation through cohesive teams and a streamlined organisational environment. The dynamic and flexible work environment serves as a motivational force for innovative and efficient management with a multicultural and interdisciplinary focus. As an institution that values diversity, USI strongly encourages applications from women and individuals from underrepresented groups.

Employment Conditions and Benefits

- A stimulating work environment within a university context
- Support for continuous education and professional development.
- Flexible working hours and remote work options.
- Fringe benefit (es. public transport subsidies, sports activities).
- Competitive contractual terms and social security benefits.

Employment Terms

- Entry into service: as soon as possible, indicatively September 2026
- Fixed-term contract (1 year)

- Full-time (100%)
- Initial salary: According to the Collective Labour Agreement (CCL), to be determined based on the candidate's profile and experience (graded from Salary Class 7, min. CHF 68,340 / max. CHF 95,129, to Salary Class 9, min. CHF 90,450 / max. CHF 125,906)
- Standard statutory benefits
- Reporting line: Technology Transfer Officer within USI Transfer, reporting to the Head of Service, Andrea Foglia
- Workplace: Lugano, with possible occasional presence at other university campuses

Applications

Applications may be submitted upon acceptance of the privacy policy governing the processing of candidates' personal data, available at [LINK](#).

- Applications must be submitted **ONLINE** by completing the form available at [APPLY](#).
- Completing the online form is **mandatory** and required for the application to be valid.
- The form requires the following information:
 - Personal data;
 - Academic degrees and diplomas;
 - Professional experience;
 - Language skills;
 - At least two professional references;
 - A brief statement of motivation.

The following documents must be uploaded to the form:

- Cover letter explaining the reasons for your interest in the position;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Employment and academic certificates (specifically the highest degree obtained).

Applications submitted in any other form will not be considered.

- The application deadline is 30 July 2026.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview starting from the second half of August 2026.

For inquiries regarding the position:

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