

Junior collaborator in the area of technology transfer (100%)

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative. Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

The Research and Transfer Service (SRIT) is the point of contact for researchers at USI concerning national and international grants acquisition as well as intellectual property. Moreover, it is responsible for the financial management of USI research grants.

To complete its team, the Research and Transfer Service is looking for one position of **Junior collaborator in the area of technology transfer (100%)**

Position

As a collaborator in the area of technology and knowledge transfer you will support the Technology Transfer Manager to strengthen our capacity to transfer knowledge from academia to industry and society. The service main goal is to catalyze opportunities for innovation and to transfer research results to promote the development of the territory and industry, including through spin-off initiatives. The service operates with a push (from research to companies) and pull (from companies to research) approach. In your function you will provide advice to members of the academic community on issues related to cooperation with economic partners, the protection and exploitation of intellectual property and the creation of spin-offs.

Your activities include on the one hand the negotiation and formalization of collaboration agreements with relevant economic partners, and on the other hand, in collaboration with professors and researchers, looking for potential companies and institutions that have an interest in developing collaborations and innovations with our University.

Your function will be integrated in the Research and Knowledge Transfer Service.

Candidate's profile

- Master of science degree in a technical discipline
- Negotiation skills and drawing-up of contracts with industry (in Italian or English), and knowledge of other national languages is considered of advantage.
- Education and/or previous experience in intellectual property protection is considered of advantage.
- Professional experience with industry is considered of advantage.

Personal skills

- Attitude to work in a structured way, distinct analytical skills, editing proficiency.
- Accuracy, discretion, strong attitude towards respect for confidentiality.
- Excellent social skills, motivation to be integrated in a dynamic and productive team.
- Ease in coping with other subject areas.
- Spirit of service, proactivity, ability to take responsibilities and to work independently in order to accomplish the assigned tasks with high quality standards, problem solving skills.
- Flexibility in managing different activities simultaneously, ability to adapt and to handle workloads, stress, responsibility and complex situations.
- Open-minded, able to work in an international and intercultural environment.

Priority will be given to applications from Swiss citizens or Swiss residents.

Working at USI

The administrative staff of Università della Svizzera italiana contributes to the smooth running of the University thanks to cohesive teams and a lean organisational environment. The dynamic and flexible environment becomes a motivational driver for innovative and efficient management with a multicultural and interdisciplinary orientation.

As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

Contract terms

- Permanent contract (after trial period).
- Full-time (negotiable).
- Salary according to USI Collective Employment Agreement to be agreed depending on the candidate's profile and experience.
- Start date: as soon as possible.
- Workplace: Università della Svizzera italiana Campuses.

Application

Applications should contain:

- a letter of interest in which the applicants describe their motivation to apply;
- a complete Curriculum vitae with work certificates and qualifications;
- contact information of two reference persons.

Please send your application in electronic form to candidaturett@usi.ch. Applications received in any other form will not be considered.

Applications received before 15 October 2021, will be given priority.

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