



Mauritius Research and Innovation Council Trainee vacancy for the Technology Transfer Office

Background

The Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) is a corporate body set up on the 1st of September 2019 through the proclamation of the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council Act 2019. The Council acts as the apex body advising the Government on matters concerning applied research, innovation, and research and development issues.

The Technology Transfer Office (TTO) currently functions as an operating unit of the MRIC to encourage commercial utilisation of the results of Research and Innovation. The aim of the TTO is to provide technical and legal support to local inventors and innovators, as well as help identify, manage, and make commercial use of their Intellectual Property (IP) assets.

The functions of the TTO complement Government's plan to boost innovation, which sees as one of its aims the importance of increasing innovation capacity in the Mauritian economy. Through help given to address the IP needs of Mauritius and provide support for innovation, the TTO also enhances the flow of knowledge between research institutions and the private sector.

The MRIC is seeking to hire a Trainee to support projects being undertaken by the Council's TTO in relation to Intellectual Property Rights.

Location: Level 6, Ebène Heights, 34 Cybercity, Ebène 72201.

Duties

- Conduct literature search and monitor key IP sources in order to keep the TTO updated on current trends and practice;

- Assist in coordinating all processes involved in receipt, analysis and the management of documents submitted as invention disclosures made to the Council's TTO;
- Assist in the processing of requests for technical evaluation and assistance for IP support;
- Assist in the organization of IP-related activities (webinars/meetings/workshops)
- Assist in the implementation of IP collaboration activities with partnering organizations;
- Help in promoting the use of IP with organizations, entrepreneurs, enterprises, universities and research institutions.

We are currently looking for degree holders in any of the following programs:

- Bachelor of Laws with Honours
- BA (Hons) Law with Management

Importantly, potential candidates should have a good understanding of Intellectual Property Rights.

Traineeship conditions

- Duration: Contractual Period of 6 months (renewable for a further period of 6 months, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of budget).
- Experience: (Optional)
- Remuneration: Rs15,000 per month
- Working Days/ Time: Monday to Friday- 9:00am to 4pm.

Note: The application is open to overseas students provided the validity of their visa covers the duration of at least the initial contractual period of six months

If you are interested, please send your CV / Motivation Letter on: hr@mric.mu by 20th September 2024.

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