
Job Title	Director, Innovation Initiatives
PVN ID	VA-2108-004199
Category	Managerial and Professional
Location	OFFICE OF SR. UNIV DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Department	Continuing Education & Workforce Develop
Status	Full Time
Annual Salary	\$100,000.00 - \$110,000.00
Hour(s) a Week	35
Closing Date	Dec 08, 2021 (Or Until Filled)

General Description

MISSION

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The ideal candidate will have superior communication skills, both written and verbal, a customer service mindset, an ability to meet deadlines, and the capacity to think creatively to help all stakeholders achieve their goals.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Manage the overarching Innovation portfolio deliverables**
- Work in tandem with the Foundation, City University of New York – Central Office, and campus Grantees to ensure timely signing of innovation initiatives, including Blackstone LaunchPad grant agreements with participating institutions.
- Coordinate with City University of New York – Central Office staff and appropriate finance staff to ensure proper disbursement of payments to grantees of innovation portfolio initiatives.

- Coordinate system-wide reporting, including, but not limited to:
 - Review, quality check, and summarize the results of Semi-Annual Reports from BLP Grantees.
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Establish and regularly convene Councils of stakeholders to support implementation of the work and successful achievement of key milestones

- Establish councils or other mechanisms for convening broad, interdisciplinary cross section of individuals, in order to promote adoption of successful career success innovations, including BLP initiatives.
- Lead Councils towards an agenda that deepens institutional relationships and embeds entrepreneurship throughout CUNY campuses as appropriate.

- Convene councils of stakeholders on a regular basis.

Other Duties

- Oversee staff including any current and future coordinator and program manager roles necessary to execute innovation portfolio
- Ability to travel within CUNY campuses.
- Attend staff meetings and trainings as required.
- Perform special projects and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will have the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Five (5) years of relevant experience supporting programs in education, workforce development, or business development.
- Senior-level professional, with significant startup and/or academic experience.
- Extensive supervisory experience of direct and indirect reports.
- Capable of building trust and strong relationships with university leaders at more senior and peer-group levels.
- First-hand experience in corporate enterprise and/or supporting services organizations (e.g., banking, accounting, etc.) to establish credibility with and support among their partnership, recruiting, CSR, and other organizational departments.
- Strong networking ability – both in cultivating and stewarding important relationships on behalf of others/constituents.
- Dynamic leadership disposition and excellent communication skills.
- Self-starter and team player who can be responsive and adaptive.
- Performs highly among key attributes of individual resilience: positive, proactive, focused, flexible, organized.
- Strong verbal and interpersonal communication skills to work and interact effectively, collaboratively, and cooperatively with a diverse community of students, faculty, staff, and external constituents in a large organization.
- Detail-oriented and organized with the ability to manage multiple assignments and meet deadlines;
- Strong computer proficiency using standard office software programs, in particular Microsoft Office;

Physical Requirement

- Ability to travel within CUNY campuses

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