

## Knowledge Transfer and Impact Officer (12-month contract)

*Are you interested in increasing impact from publicly funded scientific research? Are you enthusiastic about exploring different methods and approaches for knowledge transfer and exploitation? Are you passionate about working with researchers to accelerate the transfer of state-of-the-art knowledge to industry, policy and society? If so, then AquaTT is looking for you!*

### ORGANISATION BACKGROUND

With 24 years of experience, AquaTT has proven itself as an expert at participating in European scientific projects, with a strategic focus on knowledge management and transfer, communication, dissemination and training. Over the years, AquaTT has successfully pursued, acquired and managed more than 35 European Commission (EC) funded projects (across Horizon 2020, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, Interreg and Lifelong Learning Programmes), enabling it to build a knowledge-based organisation with key networks among national and European stakeholders. As a result, AquaTT has become one of the most successful organisations in Ireland in securing EC funding.

Across its vast network, AquaTT collaborates with more than 250 institutions in more than 40 countries. Main research domains in which it currently operates include: Marine, Environment, Water, Health, Climate Change, Energy and Food. Through numerous projects, AquaTT works with Europe's top researchers for the entirety of each project's life cycle, from project conception right through to delivery, to ensure positive societal impact.

AquaTT has built an experienced and multidisciplinary team of experts from different backgrounds. AquaTT's Knowledge Transfer team is growing and we have an opening for an individual who is passionate about science and able to broker knowledge to a range of stakeholders. The successful candidate should have a keen interest and sound experience in impact creation and knowledge exchange/transfer; strong investigative and analytical skills; networking and project management experience; and, the confidence and ability to generate new innovative ideas working in an individual and team setting.

### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Position:** Knowledge Transfer and Impact (KTI) Officer

**Type:** Full-time 12-month contract (initial 6-month probation period) with potential for renewal. Position available immediately.

**Location:** Dublin, Ireland

### Primary Responsibilities

AquaTT operates using a practical approach to knowledge transfer in all its project work, at both a national and European level. The KTI Officer will assist in the implementation and optimisation of Knowledge Management and Knowledge Transfer strategies at AquaTT, full training will be provided.

The successful applicant will be responsible for applying this methodology to a number of projects and collect, analyse and transfer research results to a diverse range of audiences and partners. As well as providing support across the AquaTT team to ensure that timely

Knowledge Transfer is carried out, the KTI Officer will play an integral role in creating impact from EC- and nationally-funded scientific research. Measuring the impact of Knowledge Transfer activities will be an important aspect of the job role.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

- Contribute to the optimisation of AquaTT's internal and external knowledge management and knowledge transfer systems, including the development of a tangible impact measurement metric system
- Work with and support AquaTT's Project Officers, providing advice and support in all knowledge transfer activities
- Help to develop training material and carry out internal and external training on Knowledge Transfer and impact measurement techniques
- Fulfil administrative requirements and other appropriate activities as requested by the Management team

### **Internal and External Relationships**

- Interact with a range of stakeholders to be able to understand and analyse research Knowledge Outputs and determine their applicability to different target users in the themes concerned
- Ensure regular contact with the project team and senior staff to maintain a co-operative, motivated and successful team
- Represent the interests of AquaTT at public engagements, stakeholder meetings, conferences etc.
- Demonstrate optimistic, self-motivated and responsible work ethic and can-do attitude towards all responsibilities to support gratifying team work and job satisfaction
- Willingness to take on additional tasks outside of the described role to contribute to the success of the organisation as a whole

### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

- EEA work authorisation
- Educated to degree level in a relevant area or equivalent experience, e.g. knowledge/technology transfer, science communication and public relations
- At least two years' previous experience in a comparable role
- Fluent written and spoken English
- Strong active interest in science, science communication, research impact and Knowledge Transfer
- Excellent attention to detail with a pro-active, diligent, willing to learn, dedicated and responsible work ethic
- Must be professional, highly organised and able to work on several projects simultaneously
- Outstanding and proven presentation and writing skills
- Ability to work to strict deadlines in a fast-paced environment

- Excellent interpersonal skills, ability to collaborate and work in a team in a multicultural environment

#### **DESIRED CRITERIA**

- Experience in providing training to external audiences
- Experience in the management of Intellectual Property in the framework of licensing activities and collaborative R&D
- Experience in a Technology Transfer Office or commercialisation setting
- Some knowledge of marine sciences and environmental issues or an interest in learning about these

#### **WORK CONDITIONS**

- Some national and international travel may be required for meeting with project partners and stakeholders, etc.

#### **SALARY SCALE**

Starting salary scale will depend on experience and qualifications and will be discussed at interview stage.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**Application Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 17.00.

The position is available immediately. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and short listed candidates may be invited to interview before the application closing date.

**Application Requirements:** A customised cover letter and CV should be addressed to David Murphy, General Manager and sent **electronically** to: [jobs@aquatt.ie](mailto:jobs@aquatt.ie) quoting “Knowledge Transfer and Impact Officer” in the subject line.