

Job Description – Program Manager

IITB COMET FOUNDATION (A Section 8 Company)

Role Overview

The Program Manager will play a central role in driving the Foundation's research, product development, and technology innovation agenda. The position requires balancing **internal technology development projects** with **external industry collaboration initiatives**, ensuring alignment with organizational goals, timelines, and deliverables.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the implementation of the **research, innovation, and product development agenda** of the Foundation in consultation with the CEO, the Chairman of the Hub Governing Body, and PIs of funded projects.
- **Manage internal technology development projects**, including planning, execution support, progress tracking, and facilitating technology readiness for productization.
- **Drive industry collaboration projects**, by engaging with companies, start-ups, and ecosystem partners to scope, structure, and execute joint initiatives.
- Identify and frame **Grand Challenges** that can be executed as flagship initiatives with industry and academia.
- Support the **evaluation of project funding proposals** and provide technical/strategic inputs for selection.
- Facilitate **technology transfer** from research outcomes to start-ups, industry partners, or commercialization pathways.
- Contribute to building the **technical brand and industry presence** of the Foundation through participation in standardization bodies (TSDSI, 3GPP, etc.), industry forums, and collaborative networks.
- Organize and lead **events, workshops, and collaboration forums** to foster partnerships, knowledge-sharing, and outreach.
- Develop effective **communication structures and technical frameworks** (coding standards, field testing protocols, product readiness) to enable smooth scaling of technologies.
- Drive **IP creation and patenting efforts** in collaboration with researchers and industry partners.
- Report progress to stakeholders and management against milestones, outcomes, and industry engagement metrics.

Qualifications, Experience, and Skills

- M.E./M.Tech in **ECE/EE/CSE/IT** or equivalent. Ph.D. / MBA is desirable.
- 8+ years of professional experience, with at least 5 years in **telecommunications / networking / hardware / technology domains**.
- Demonstrated experience in **program management** and managing cross-functional teams.
- Exposure to **industry-academia collaborations**, technology transfer, or innovation ecosystems is highly desirable.
- Strong communication, stakeholder management, and organizational skills.

- Ability to balance multiple projects with differing timelines and objectives.

Pay and Allowances

As per institute norms.

Application Process

Interested candidates may forward their application along with a detailed resume to **comet@iiitb.ac.in** by the specified deadline. Please state the role for which you're applying clearly in the email.