



## HERA Innovation Centre Manager

### Objective of role:

Create a dynamic world-class facility for applied R&D, training, and demonstration that will position the heavy engineering industry in New Zealand for future technological requirements and associated skills requirements.

### Reports to:

Manager of Marketing and Communications, with scope to report directly to CEO as role evolves.

### Staff reporting to position:

Nil

### Key responsibilities of the role:

- Identify, create and manage key sponsorship of the HERA Innovation Centre.
- Maintain ongoing relationships with key sponsors and ensure Centre facilities reflect current and future requirements for industry; from construction, establishment and right through to implementations phases.
- Develop and project manage key innovation training, demonstration, and engagement activities of the HERA Innovation Centre.
- Create and manage implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Innovation Centre.
- Promote activities of the Centre and ensure engagement with HERA members and stakeholders.
- Preparation of sponsorship, grant and commercial funding proposals to support the activities of the Innovation Centre.
- Prepare inspirational and thought-leadership communications relating to the activities of the Innovation Centre.
- Develop a community of members engaged with HERA Innovation Centre activities.

### Essential attributes and experience:

- Driven, entrepreneurial self-starter.
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to influence and inspire.
- Demonstrated experience in business development relating to innovation products or innovation management.
- Demonstrated experience in research/innovation/training project management.
- Experience working in a research or training environment with industry.



- Post-graduate qualifications in a STEM related discipline or >5 years experience in working in a STEM related business unit.
- Familiarity with Industry 4.0, automation and digital technologies likely to impact the metals industry.
- Knowledge of best practice health and safety requirements.

**Desirable experience:**

- PhD in automation, Industry 4.0, mechatronics or economic assessment of productivity in manufacturing/fabrication.
- Background in production engineering, lean manufacturing, lean start-up.
- Experience in preparing grant submissions, tender documents, commercial bids.
- Experience in fabrication, manufacturing and/or building and construction.
- Familiarity and affinity with the steel industry in New Zealand.
- Experience working in the metals industry.
- Practical experience in robotics, automation, and Industry 4.0.

**Key Lominger competencies required in the role:**

- Creativity
- Customer focus
- Interpersonal savvy
- Innovation management
- Integrity and trust
- Problem solving
- Managing vision and purpose
- Action oriented
- Dealing with ambiguity
- Business acumen