EIT Health Germany – Accelerator Intern

Job title: Accelerator Intern

Duration: 3-6 months  
(Start date: no later than 1 November 2020)

Salary Range: This is an unpaid internship opportunity. Depending on their performance during the first three (3) months, candidates may be offered a subsequent 3 months internship on a paid basis (TVÖD/L).

Location: Heidelberg or Mannheim, Germany

Accounting to: Business Creation Manager EIT Health Germany

Contract: Full-time, 3-6mths

Application Deadline: 15 October 2020, COB  
(instructions further below)
About EIT Health

EIT Health is a network of best-in-class health innovators backed by the EU. We collaborate across borders to deliver new solutions that can enable European citizens to live longer, healthier lives.

As Europeans tackle the challenge of increasing chronic diseases and multi-morbidity, and seek to realise the opportunities that technology offers to move beyond conventional approaches to treatment, prevention and healthy lifestyles, we need thought leaders, innovators, and efficient ways to bring innovative healthcare solutions to market.

EIT Health addresses these needs. We connect all relevant healthcare players across European borders – making sure to include all sides of the “knowledge triangle”, so that innovation can happen at the intersection of research, education and business for the benefit of citizens.

EIT Health maintains a regional structure that stretches across Europe, with six co-location centres (CLCs) in cities that have high innovation ratings and feature clusters of innovative firms, universities and research centers. With its headquarters in Munich, Germany, EIT Health has established CLCs in six regions, UK/Ireland, Scandinavia, Spain, France, Austria/Germany/Switzerland, and Belgium/Netherlands. With the aim of leveraging diversity and driving the potential of emerging innovation clusters, EIT Health has also added the “EIT Health InnoStars” in six countries: Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Wales (UK).

EIT Health is a Knowledge and Innovation Community established by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union.

EIT Health: Together for Healthy Lives in Europe.
For more information visit: http://www.eithealth.eu

About EIT Health Germany

As one of six Co-Location Centers (CLCs) of EIT Health, EIT Health Germany brings together 34 EIT Health partners from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to support innovators and entrepreneurs in the DACH region and to promote healthcare innovation through matchmaking, training and mentoring, access to funding, and an ambitious schedule of international gatherings.

This highly engaged partnership, comprising many leaders in their fields, benefits from EIT Health’s unique collaborative environment comprising scientific conferences, workshops and training opportunities, as they work together to promote health innovation.

The partnership presently includes: 15 strong industrial partners (selected from internationally recognized pharma, medtech, diagnostics and IT companies), which is the largest group of industrial partners amongst all of EIT Health’s regional nodes; 13 excellent academic and research partners including four of Europe’s top 10 most innovative universities as well as
Europe’s leading society for applied sciences (Fraunhofer Society); 4 leading life science clusters acting as regional multiplicators; and 2 mutual healthcare insurers - closing the loop from innovation to market.

Through its network of prestigious German/Austrian/Swiss partners, affiliated organizations, clusters and regional collaborators EIT Health Germany has strong connections to the investor community and start-up scene in Germany and Switzerland. It has access to more than 550 SMEs in all health-related sectors with a major strength being its pool of biotech and pharma start-ups. The Ministry for Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg is a major sponsor and provides political connections to state and national governments. EIT Health Germany brings together its partners and the rest of the world.

EIT Health Germany operates two offices in the innovation hubs of Mannheim and Heidelberg. With its locations on Roche Diagnostic’s open campus (Mannheim) and University of Heidelberg’s interdisciplinary Marsilius-Kolleg (Heidelberg), respectively, it forms a cornerstone of the incredibly active life sciences and biotech sector in this region of Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

For more information visit: https://www.eithealth.eu/clc-germany

About the Role

As Accelerator Intern, working closely with the Business Creation Manager and the Accelerator Project Assistant, you will:

- be accompanying the roll-out and marketing of our Accelerator Catalogue with all our programme offerings for European health-industry startups,
- have the opportunity to gain insights into scouting, building and executing acceleration projects to support startups of different maturity levels together with the pan-European network of EIT Health,
- support the Accelerator team in its day-to-day interactions with promising European startups from biotech, medtech and digital health,
- be updating and expanding an overview of innovative startups that have previously been part of the EIT Health ecosystem and help the Accelerator team to accompany startups make the most of EIT Health’s offerings,
- support the daily business of managing the EIT Health Accelerator Pillar as well as the Communications team with social media postings and updates on the website,
- and have the opportunity to take a look into our Innovation, Education and Communication teams and learn how they work.
This is an exciting time to join the team at EIT Health as it provides a fantastic opportunity to make a positive and meaningful impact in European Healthcare, as we continue to enhance our profile, exert influence and drive thought leadership within the regional healthcare ecosystem. You will have suitable experience working in complex and innovative environments across Europe. In addition to that, you will be able to work with a high level of independence and display professional levels of confidentiality.

The following qualifications and skills should support your application

- Bachelor’s degree in life sciences/medicine or similar, preferably you have already progressed to the last year of your Master’s program.
- Hands-on experience with innovation, entrepreneurship and/or project management in life sciences, medtech, digital health or a similar field would be a plus.
- Ability to demonstrate analytical thinking skills, allowing you to screen and process a broad range of information related to life science, innovation, entrepreneurship and project management.
- Positive and proactive attitude towards challenging tasks, turning them into learning opportunities for yourself.
- High standard of quality in all research and communication output.
- Good teamwork skills and hands-on experience with working in international teams.
- Fluent English language skills, both oral and written, as well as CEFR C1/C2 level (or mother tongue) of the official language of the region (German).
- Knowledge of MS Office, Sharepoint, Asana, Slack, Podio, and other common software packages is a plus.
- Based in the Rhein-Neckar-Region or surrounding regions.
- Earliest possible entry date no later than 1 November 2020

What we offer

- A learning opportunity with a deep dive into the healthcare start-up ecosystem in Europe.
- Start-up mentality, fast and flat processes, straight internal communication, non-hierarchical structure and freedom to operate with autonomy.
• An extensive network in the healthcare sector, with exposure to high-level and senior representatives from key players and influencers.

• The opportunity to support and work with start-ups, contributing to bettering the lives of European patients and citizens.

• Familiar atmosphere within a dynamic team.

How to apply:

• Applications shall comprise a full curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing briefly how you meet the above criteria indicated in the person specification and outlining your interest in the role. Please indicate your earliest possible entry date.

• Applications shall be submitted via e-mail to sigrid.koller@eithealth.eu by 15 October 2020 COB.

• All other queries regarding the role should be addressed to barbara.costa@eithealth.eu & mathis.palm@eithealth.eu.