

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Executive Director, Office of Technology Transfer & Innovation
Posting **STA005422**

Established in 1927, the University of Houston empowers students in their pursuit of learning, discovery, leadership and engagement. Located in a sprawling metropolis, our premier [Tier One](#) campus provides students with cutting edge programs including undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, distance and continuing education. Ranked among the best colleges in America, UH is home to award-winning faculty, innovative research centers, has one of the most diverse student populations in the nation, and alumni who have become international leaders.

Leads the Office of Technology Transfer and Innovation and oversees the technology transfer activities at the University of Houston; promotes the generation of Intellectual Property (IP), manages the University's extensive IP portfolio, licenses IP to existing companies and startups, supports the formation of startups, and the eventual commercialization of technology.

- Increase the Commercialization of UH IP: Establish and maintain a technology transfer process to ensure optimal monetization of the IP portfolio. This includes preparation of marketing plans, valuation, and negotiating/executing licenses and options.
- Increase Industry Sponsored Research: Build relationships with and serve as a primary point of contact with potential industrial partners, including the protection of UH IP through involvement in research contracts with industry. Provide input to the Office of Contracts and Grants (OCG) on business and IP terms prior to OCG executing industry sponsored research agreements.
- Ensure effective operation and stewardship of UH IP assets: Convene the Faculty Senate appointed IP Committee for recommendation and approval of IP, oversee management of the UH patent portfolio (300+ patents) and selection of outside counsel for patent prosecution (approximately \$2m/year spend).
- Increase the number of UH startups: Provide guidance and mentoring to faculty and student startups that are part of the innovation enterprise. This includes providing training and ensuring an effective interface with the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship (WCE).
- Ensure effective operation of the innovation ecosystem at the Technology Bridge. This includes marketing the facilities/capabilities, sub-leasing space in the Technology Bridge buildings 4 and 5 to external companies, developing a suite of incubation capabilities (ex: accounting and legal advice) available to startups, and helping identify funding opportunities.
- Increase the Generation of IP: Develop patent portfolios and intellectual property with faculty, research staff, and students, and provide early stage feedback on potential licensing opportunities.
- Perform other duties as required.

Requirements:

Requires singular knowledge of a specialized advanced professional discipline or the highest level of general business knowledge, normally acquired through attainment of a directly job-related terminal

degree or equivalent formal training in a recognized field of specialization that is directly related to the type of work being performed.

Requires a minimum of ten (10) years of directly job-related experience.

Application Process: Interested candidates must complete the [on-line application](#). Posting number STA005422. All UH positions can be found on our website at <https://uhs.taleo.net/careersection>. Candidates must include a resume, cover letter, and a list of references with names and contact information in addition to the on-line application.

The University of Houston strives to be an employer of choice by offering a full range of benefits to our full-time staff members. Tuition scholarships, a retirement plan, dental and full medical coverage are only a few of the benefits offered to employees at the University of Houston. From our award winning faculty to our active student body, UH offers the most diverse research university in the country.

The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Additionally, the University prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.