

## IIIT-B Innovation Center Invites Applications For The Post Of Chief Innovation Officer (CIO)

Last date for receipt of applications is May 11, 2026. Details are as follows: -

The Chief Innovation Officer will lead the Institute's innovation strategy, fostering a culture of creativity, entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary research. The role bridges academia, industry, and startups to enhance the institution's impact in technology, research commercialization, and societal transformation.

<b>Job Brief / Description</b>	<p><b>1. Innovation Strategy &amp; Leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop and implement a comprehensive innovation roadmap aligned with institutional goals.</li><li>• Identify emerging trends in technology, education, and research (AI, sustainability, deep tech, etc.).</li><li>• Position the Institute as a hub for innovation and thought leadership.</li></ul> <p><b>2. Research &amp; Commercialization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote translational research and support faculty in converting research into patents, products, and startups.</li><li>• Oversee IP creation, technology transfer, and licensing frameworks.</li><li>• Strengthen incubation centers, accelerators, manage &amp; administer spaces for startups and research centers.</li></ul> <p><b>3. Industry &amp; Startup Ecosystem Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build partnerships with industry, venture capitalists, and government bodies.</li><li>• Facilitate sponsored research, consulting, and collaborative innovation labs.</li><li>• Mentor and support student and faculty startups.</li></ul> <p><b>4. Academic Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive curriculum innovation, including interdisciplinary programs and experiential learning models.</li><li>• Promote integration of emerging technologies into teaching and learning.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage innovation-driven pedagogy (design thinking, project-based learning).</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Innovation Infrastructure Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and manage innovation labs, maker spaces, and centers of excellence.</li> <li>• Secure funding (grants, CSR, partnerships) for innovation initiatives.</li> <li>• Lead digital transformation initiatives within the institution.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Policy &amp; Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop policies for innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property.</li> <li>• Ensure compliance with regulatory frameworks relevant to higher education and research.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. Culture Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster an innovation-driven culture among students, faculty, and staff.</li> <li>• Organize hackathons, innovation challenges, and knowledge-sharing platforms.</li> <li>• Promote cross-disciplinary collaboration.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Educational Qualification, Experience and skills required</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD or Master’s degree in Engineering, Technology, Management, or related field.</li> <li>• 15–20 years of experience in academia, industry, or research organizations.</li> <li>• Proven track record in innovation management, research commercialization, or startup ecosystem development.</li> <li>• Experience in leading large-scale strategic initiatives.</li> <li>• Strategic thinking and leadership</li> <li>• Strong industry and academic network</li> <li>• Knowledge of IP, patents, and technology transfer</li> <li>• Entrepreneurial mindset</li> <li>• Excellent stakeholder management and communication skills</li> <li>• Experience working with premier institutions</li> <li>• Exposure to startup ecosystems, venture funding, or incubation programs</li> <li>• International collaboration experience</li> </ul>

<b>Joining</b>	Immediate
<b>Last date for applications</b>	<p>Interested candidates are requested to fill in the form below along with resume latest by May 11, 2026</p> <p><a href="https://forms.gle/UwMi9sfp3hHXHm9t7">https://forms.gle/UwMi9sfp3hHXHm9t7</a></p> <p>Kindly contact HR – <a href="mailto:hr@iiitb.ac.in">hr@iiitb.ac.in</a> in case you face an issue in filling the form</p>