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The Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) is the largest non-university institution for fundamental research in Austria.

As part of the collaboration within the AI Factory Austria, in cooperation with Advanced Computing Austria GmbH (ACA) and AIT, the ÖAW will delegate experts to the AI Factory to advance the development of technologies and applications in the field of artificial intelligence for the partner ecosystem.

The position is located at the intersection of science, SMEs, startups, and industry and will be significantly responsible for the establishment of innovation projects and collaborations.

The following position



PROJECT LEAD (F/M/D) AI INNOVATION

Job ID:DII071TEC125

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a Position as

Your Tasks

- Lead the ÖAW Team within the AI Factory Austria
- Design and facilitate innovation sprints using frameworks like Design Thinking and agile methodologies.
- Guide cross-functional teams in ideating, prototyping, and validating AI-driven solutions.
Evaluate feasibility and strategic alignment of AI prototypes and support next steps.
- Ensure compliance with AI ethics and regulatory principles throughout the sprint process.
- Capture results and derive insights to inform future development and scaling efforts.
- Establishing and maintaining networks in the field of artificial intelligence with academic institutions in Austria and internationally.
- Supporting researchers and innovators from the AI Factory Austria and partner institutions in exchanging the latest scientific methods and findings in fields such as biotechnology, manufacturing, public administration, and physics to accelerate innovation.
- Assisting business partners in effectively utilising new scientific results through targeted technology transfer activities.

Your Profile

- Deep understanding of AI technologies (ML, NLP, CV, etc.) and their application potential.
- Experience in leading agile innovation processes and cross-sectoral co-creation.
- Strong communication skills to bridge technical and non-technical audiences.
- Ability to motivate teams and maintain focus under tight innovation timelines.
- Awareness of AI ethics and human-centered design principles.

- Completed university degree (e.g., computer science, electrical engineering, mathematics, or natural sciences)
- Five or more years of professional experience (e.g., in industry, business, or academia), including at least two years of project management experience
- High level of teamwork skills
- Excellent communication skills in German and English
- You should be eligible for working in Austria

Our Offer

- Opportunity to contribute to the development of the AI Factory Austria
- Interesting range of tasks in a dynamic environment
- Attractive flexible working hours
- Central downtown location
Innovative work environment
- For this full-time position (40 h / week), we offer a gross annual salary of (minimum) € 63,142,10 according to the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Science. In addition, we offer a market-compliant overpayment depending on qualifications and experience.
- We are looking to fill this position at the earliest opportunity.
- The position will be awarded for a limited period of time for the current duration of the AI Factory Austria (until June 2028). An extension beyond this period may be possible depending on future project developments.

Please make sure to submit your complete and compelling application including your CV, cover letter and relevant certificates electronically.

APPLY NOW

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. Individuals from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

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