



Job Title: Associate, Investments & Innovation
Location: IKP Knowledge Park, Bengaluru
Reporting to: Chief Manager, Incubation & Investments

About IKP Knowledge Park

IKP Knowledge Park (IKP) is a leading science park and incubator dedicated to advancing cutting-edge R&D in India. We have a pioneering legacy of more than two decades of nucleating and nurturing life sciences and engineering innovation. We focus on sectors like biotech, health tech, and agri-tech, helping innovators move from the lab to the real world. By partnering with government, industry, non-profits, academia and investors, we create a supportive environment for startups and SMEs to thrive and grow. Our work is centred at our 200-acre park in Genome Valley Hyderabad and our Bengaluru maker space (IKP EDEN at Koramangala, Bengaluru), reaching across India and the world through various innovation programs and services. We are at the cusp of next phase of growth which is founded in our belief that science and technology are key to shaping a better tomorrow through deep & expansive societal impact. More at <<https://ikpknowledgepark.com/>>

The Role

We're looking for a high-energy, intellectually curious Associate to work directly with the Chief Manager - Incubation & Investments across investments, startup programs, portfolio engagement, and ecosystem development.

This is a cross-functional role at the intersection of technology, startups and business. You should be comfortable with breadth: a founder diligence call in the morning, a financial model in the afternoon, a program deliverable the next day and not be looking for a narrowly defined job.

Key Responsibilities

1. Investments & Deal Evaluation:

Evaluate prospective startups across DeepTech and science-led sectors - market, technology and business model research, due diligence, investment notes, financial models and IC materials. Track the pipeline and support execution and post-investment engagement.

2. Portfolio & Program Engagement:

Stay close to portfolio and program startups on progress, milestones and capital needs; connect founders to customers, investors, mentors and experts. Support design and delivery of acceleration/incubation programs — sourcing through execution — and own defined workstreams end-to-end.

3. Funding Programs & Institutional Projects:

Support government, institutional and corporate-funded programs — proposals, budgets, progress reports and fund utilization tracking — and help identify new funding opportunities.



4. Research, Intelligence & Ecosystem Development:

Research emerging technologies and sectors, build market maps, and turn findings into decision-ready material. Build relationships with founders, investors, corporates and research institutions; represent the organization at select ecosystem events.

What we are looking for:

Must have:

- 2-4 years of relevant experience; Bachelor's/Master's in Engineering, Technology or Science
- Strong analytical ability and excellent written/verbal communication
- Ability to quickly get up to speed on an unfamiliar sector or technology and form a clear view
- Strong Excel/Sheets and PowerPoint/Slides skills
- Evidence of having owned a project end-to-end, and comfort engaging directly with founders and senior stakeholders
- Strong execution skills and attention to detail across multiple priorities

Good to have:

- exposure to DeepTech, Life Sciences, MedTech, Climate-tech or other science-led sectors; financial modelling experience; prior exposure to accelerator/incubation programs or startup ecosystems.

The Person We Want:

Someone who thinks like an investor but operates like an entrepreneur, comfortable asking founders hard questions, takes initiative, and can independently own a workstream to completion. Genuinely curious, able to tell what's technically interesting apart from what's commercially valuable, with the judgment to know when to go deep and when to move fast.

What This Role Offers:

Direct exposure across the full startup and innovation lifecycle: technology → startup → evaluation → investment/funding → acceleration → portfolio → ecosystem with access to founders, investors, corporates and government stakeholders. Within 6-12 months, you should be independently evaluating startups, owning a slice of the pipeline, and established as a trusted execution partner.

To apply:

Send your CV to careers@ikpknowledgepark.com with a short note covering:

- Why startups, investing and innovation interest you
- One technology or startup you find genuinely interesting, and why
- A complex problem or project you personally drove to completion

We care more about intellectual horsepower, curiosity and ownership than a polished CV.