2018-00757 - Executive Director of the Inria Chile Foundation

Contract type : Public service fixed-term contract
Renewable contract : Oui
Level of qualifications required : PhD or equivalent
Fonction : Executive

Context

Inria Chile is a non-profit foundation of Chilean law created in 2012 in Chile by Inria (only founder). It benefits from Chilean public funding as the Inria project was selected in 2011 as part of the "Attraction of International R&D Centers of Excellence for the Competitiveness" (CEI) program set up by the Chilean Economic Development Agency (Cofco) to develop and consolidate the country's R&D capabilities. This funding (acquired, in principle, until 2022), and that received from Inria, are supplemented by the other resources generated by the center in the course of its activities (among other : R&D contracts, service provision, licensing of software, collaborative projects financed from Chilean and international public funds).

The ambition of Inria Chile is to become a major innovation player in Chile in the field of digital technologies. To this end, the Center carries out collaborative projects and initiatives in constant interaction with actors of the Chilean ecosystem (universities, companies, communities, government, incubators and accelerators, investment funds).

It also works in close collaboration with Inria, promoting and facilitating among other things the exchange of experience, know-how and scientific and technological results, as well as the mobility of staff between both institutions.

As an International Center of Excellence, Inria Chile needs to transform knowledge from the world of digital science research into real-life applications that create value in the Chilean industry and/or society by deploying a model based on matching the demand from the market with technological skills mastered from the results of digital research at the best level.

To best fulfill this mission, Inria Chile has strengthened its role as a platform for development and technology transfer in the field of digital technologies in Chile, building on its relationship with Inria and the main Chilean universities regarding the link with research.

Inria Chile is today a young team of about forty people, including about twenty engineers making up the technological development and experimentation teams. The center operates systematically using agile methodology, as well as the association of UX and DevOps specialists to all projects.

The center is managed by a six-member Board of Directors appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Inria.

Inria is looking for the Executive Director of the Inria Chile Foundation, a position held in Santiago de Chile (with frequent trips to France and other Latin American countries). The Executive Director is expected to start at the latest in September 2018 for a term of 3 years (renewable twice).

Assignment

The Executive Director of Inria Chile is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Foundation, and is in charge of the strategic and operational steering of the foundation.

As Executive Director of the Inria Chile Foundation, she/he legally represents the Foundation, with all powers associated with this role.

Main activities

The Executive Director of Inria Chile:

- proposes the strategic scientific and technological orientations, and implements them after their validation by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.
- actively looks for "potential customers" for digital developments, both in the private and public world. In Chile and the Latin American region, and works continuously with Inria and its project teams on the one hand, with groups of researchers from Chilean universities on the other hand; this in order for the Center to rely on an increasingly rich scientific offer and to increase the relevance and the impact of the integrated digital solutions developed by Inria Chile.
- works closely with the Advisory Committee, in charge of supporting and advising the Foundation, and composed of leading independent members in the fields of technological development, academia and intellectual property.
- represents Inria Chile in the interactions with the various organizations of the Chilean innovation ecosystem (universities, Cofco, other institutions).
- ensures the proper operation of the structure and the overall coherence of actions carried out while guaranteeing consistency with the defined management rules, optimizing the means and resources.
- reports to the Board of Directors on the Foundation's activities and work programs, as well as on the financial and budgetary policies.
- is responsible for the management of human resources (including recruitment, remuneration policy, careers and all other related matters).

Skills

This call for applications is open to any person possessing the skills and qualities necessary to perform at best the missions previously described, and having in particular:

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Conditions for application

- Duration: the post is filled for a period of three years, renewable at most twice.
- Deadline for submission of applications: 15 June, 2018

Additional information may be requested to Claude Puech, current chairman of Inria Chile’s Board of Directors (claude.puech@inria.cl)

Defence Security:

This position is likely to be situated in a restricted area (ZRR), as defined in Decree No. 2011-N/A25 relating to the protection of national scientific and technical potential (PPST).Authorisation to enter an area is granted by the director of the unit, following a favourable Ministerial decision, as defined in the decree of 3 July 2012 relating to the PPST. An unfavourable Ministerial decision in respect of a position situated in a ZRR would result in the cancellation of the appointment.

Recruitment Policy:

As part of its diversity policy, all Inria positions are accessible to people with disabilities.

Warning: you must enter your e-mail address in order to save your application to Inria. Applications must be submitted online on the Inria website. Processing of applications sent from other channels is not guaranteed.
- a strong interest in digital technologies, manifested in a remarkable activity in research, development, transfer, innovation, or investment in technology;
- a good knowledge of the scientific research community in a public or private setting;
- significant skills and experience in managing and facilitating work teams;
- the capacity to maintain and strengthen direct links with Inria;
- a proven relational and communication skills;
- a meaningful international openness and the ability to work in a multicultural environment.

Working languages: Spanish, English, French