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## Job opportunity: Program Officer – DWIH Innovate (50% Part-Time)

The German Center for Research and Innovation San Francisco (DWIH San Francisco) seeks a part-time Program Officer to support the new “DWIH Innovate” initiative in the United States. Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR), DWIH Innovate strengthens transatlantic innovation networks and supports the internationalization of Germany’s research and startup ecosystem.

The program focuses on two core modules:

1. Short-term training programs for early-stage entrepreneurs and startup teams affiliated with German universities and research institutions; and
2. Internship opportunities for German Master’s and PhD students at startups and innovation hubs connected to DWIH locations worldwide.

Working closely with the Director, the Program Officer will coordinate programs, events, communications, and stakeholder outreach related to transatlantic research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup collaboration.

### Key Responsibilities

- Coordinate and implement DWIH Innovate activities and events in the U.S.
- Organize workshops, networking events, startup programs, and mentoring
- Support communications, outreach, and public engagement initiatives
- Build and maintain relationships with academic, industry, startup, and innovation partners in Germany and North America
- Support reporting, budgeting, and program administration
- Advise and support German startups and innovation stakeholders engaging with the U.S. ecosystem
- Conduct research and analysis on developments in the German and U.S. innovation landscapes

**Salary:** \$55k-\$60k annually (50% part-time position), plus employer-sponsored health and dental insurance and retirement plan contributions.

### Qualifications

- Master’s degree required
- Excellent knowledge of German and North American research and innovation ecosystems
- Strong project management and communication skills
- Fluency in English with professional writing abilities; Knowledge of German is an added advantage
- Experience organizing events and working with diverse stakeholders
- Strategic, organized, and able to work independently in a fast-paced environment



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- Willingness to travel and occasionally work evenings
- U.S. citizenship or permanent residency required

### **About DWIH San Francisco**

The German Center for Research and Innovation San Francisco (DWIH San Francisco) is one of five German Centers for Research and Innovation worldwide. Under the leadership of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt), DWIH promotes Germany as a leading location for research, innovation, and technology.

The DWIH San Francisco serves as a platform for transatlantic collaboration by connecting stakeholders from academia, industry, startups, government, and research institutions in Germany and North America.

**Location:** San Francisco, CA (hybrid/in-house with remote flexibility)

**Start Date:** July 1, 2026

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.

### **How to Apply**

Please e-mail your resume and cover letter with the subject line “Program Officer DWIH Innovate” to Zahar Barth-Manzoori at [Barth-Manzoori@daad.de](mailto:Barth-Manzoori@daad.de).

**Note:** The position is subject to the program's approval by the respective funding body.