

AIC-KUFOS/2026/31

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for engagement as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the AIC-KUFOS Kochi Foundation on a contract basis with consolidated monthly remuneration. The centre, supported by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog aims to foster and strengthen the startup ecosystem in the fisheries and allied sectors.

Job Description

The CEO will be responsible for the smooth functioning of AIC-KUFOS Kochi Foundation, nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship among incubatees, and ensuring full compliance with NITI Aayog guidelines, while working in close coordination with the Board, functional committees, and mentors. As a visionary leader, the CEO shall develop and implement strategic plans, frame operational procedures and best practices, build high-performing teams, and drive a self-sustainable business model for the incubation centre. The role demands hands-on engagement in identifying and attracting startups, forging partnerships with government agencies, academia, incubators, venture capitalists, and global ecosystem players, while maintaining disciplined financial stewardship through effective budget planning, monitoring of annual targets, and oversight of operating expenditures.

Qualification

Mandatory : A full-time Degree from a recognised university, in science, engineering, economics, management, commerce, fisheries & allied or Chartered Accountants.

Desirable: PG In Business administration from the Institute of National Importance have high preference or any other Master's degree or Ph.D. shall be considered an added advantage.

Experience and Skills:

1. Minimum Experience Criteria
 - a. 10 year experience in fields of Business Development/Technology Development/Innovation.
2. Core Experience Requirements
 - a. Not less than 5 years shall be in a leading/leadership position in a recognised incubation centre **or**
 - b. Not less than 5 years shall be working with a Startup / Startup Ecosystem Player / Incubators / Venture Capital. In the case of a startup founder who has

successfully exited a venture whether through acquisition, merger, or by having raised an investment of at least USD 1 million during their tenure and who held at least 26% shareholding in that company prior to exit, and who is currently available for full-time engagement at the incubation centre, the period of their working tenure in the said startup shall be considered as equivalent experience.

Salary: Rs. 1,50,000/- (consolidated) per month

Age limit: Not exceeding 50 years as on the last date of submission of application.

No of Posts: 01

Appointing Authority: AIC-KUFOS Kochi Foundation

Duration of appointment: 1 year, which is extendable subject to performance

Mode of Appointment: Contract basis

Last date of submission: 22nd July 2026 before 5 PM

Application Process

Online Application: Candidates must mandatorily apply online by scanning the QR Code or visiting <https://bit.ly/44g6dP0>



Important Instructions:

Applications received after 5:00 PM on the last date, or without requisite attachments and proof of claims, will not be considered and are liable to be summarily rejected. All updates regarding shortlisting, interviews, and related communications will be sent exclusively to the registered email ID, and candidates are advised to check their email regularly; the date and time of interview will also be intimated via email, and all original certificates and testimonials must be produced at the time of interview for verification. AIC-KUFOS Kochi Foundation reserves the right not to fill the post and to modify or cancel the recruitment process at any time without assigning any reason. For any queries, contact: aic@kufos.ac.in