

“On the cutting edge of technology...things change everyday.”

Bio-economy Career Profile

Position: Intellectual Property Manager

Name: Kerrie Hayes

Company: Genesys Venture Inc.

Salary Range: \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year



What I do:

I help scientists with patenting and licensing their inventions, and the company to maintain its intellectual property and review new technology. I work with the prosecution of patents and participate in due diligences for investments in new technologies.

What education and skills do candidates need for this position?

You require a degree in science. Experience with laboratory work is also beneficial for this position. Taking a patent agent or patent law course would also be helpful. The main thing is to have a combination of good scientific and business experience.

Experience in a university technical transfer office or an MBA specializing in biotechnology will help. You should like to read and have a good command of language, have a broad knowledge of science, be an effective communicator, and be a good technical writer with the ability to explain complex information to people who have little or no knowledge in that particular area.

You should also live in a major city centre; there aren't a lot of opportunities in smaller cities. Post-graduate, lab, and business experience are helpful.

What are the best parts of your job?

I like that I have the opportunity to be constantly learning. I am on the cutting edge of technology and things change everyday; I can do anything from an initial public offering to participating in science and research meetings. I experience different things that I wouldn't experience in a large organization, where it can be very compartmentalized.