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GEORGIA'S INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

COTEC FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION

EMBASSY OF ITALY IN TBILISI

## **Announcement: STEM Study Visit to Italy**

Moving innovations from discovery through to commercialization! Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency with the collaboration of COTEC Foundation for Innovation and the Embassy of Italy in Tbilisi is announcing the STEM Study Visit. The visit is dedicated for Georgian innovators in the fields of: Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Technology Transfer, Innovation Management. Two awarded candidates will spend a three-month study visit in the FabriTech Department & Internationalization Department of [SPICI srl – Società per l'Innovazione, la Cooperazione e l'Internazionalizzazione](#).

The chosen candidates will join SPICI, a Hub for innovation that, operating as an international accelerator and center for entrepreneurship, develops digital transformation solutions for enterprises and public administration and designs and supports entrepreneurial development, intergovernmental programs for scientific cooperation, technology transfer and internationalization for startups, university spinoffs and innovative SMEs. SPICI is an active and interconnected part of the ecosystem of knowhow, digital academies and scientific infrastructures of the Technological Pole of the University of Naples Federico II at San Giovanni a Teduccio and within this highly valued context, SPICI provides advanced services for the Italian and European industrial and research system (in particular for startups and SMEs), which include scouting, acceleration, digital innovation, technology transfer, finance for growth.

**The Applicants of Georgia should meet the below criteria:**

- **High interest in the fields of: Innovation, Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology or Internationalization;**
- **Last year Student or preferably graduated in Computer Engineering or Information Technology;**
- **Proficient knowledge of English (Italian language knowledge will be an asset);**

**Candidates age should be less than 45 years;**

## 1. Program Objectives

The objective of the Study Visit is to stimulate innovation in the fields of: **Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Technology Transfer, Innovation Management** and help their commercialization and internationalization, as well as enhance collaboration between Georgia and Italy in the field of innovation and technology. **Particular attention is given to students, who will have innovative idea/or project outline to further develop at SPICI and implement in Georgia.**

The two candidates will receive a lump sum of EUR 750 per month, and will spend total period up to three months with SPICI. The study visit cannot under any circumstances exceed the 3 months. The selected candidates will be expected to complete specific and well-defined tasks in that period in conformity with the objectives of the program. Tasks will need to have relevance for Georgia in terms of capacity building and /or in the on-going projects in the field of **Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Technology Transfer, Innovation Management** and will be defined prior to the beginning of the traineeship. The Tasks will be reviewed and established in close cooperation with SPICI. Specific training events and site visits (if possible due to the Covid-19 situation) may be organized during the study visit based on the emphasis on completing the tasks identified for the traineeship.

The main objective of the traineeship is to generate substantial results and thus leave a lasting trace through:

- Providing exposure to on-going activities at SPICI;
- Gaining an innovative approach on specific technical contents related to SPICI's activities and to the fields of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Technology Transfer, Innovation Management.
- Developing a set of soft skills in problem setting/solving, proactivity, adaptability and teamwork;
- Building innovative and sustainable capacity in Georgia;
- Facilitate the identification of the challenging areas, contributing Georgia in building the innovation ecosystem and undertaking specific work on specific projects (in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Technology Transfer, Innovation Management).

## 2. How to apply

Applicants<sup>1</sup> should submit the following documents to the e-mail: [stem@gita.gov.ge](mailto:stem@gita.gov.ge):

- letter of motivation;
- complete CV;
- letter of Recommendation(s);

### **Supporting documentation:**

- copy of the Diploma;
- copy of the Passport.

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<sup>1</sup>GITA avails right to ask additional documentation

Incomplete files will not be considered. With a view to providing appropriate guidance and supervision during the study visit, only two candidates will be selected.

The selection process will start on 17.05.2021 and end on 23.05.2021

### **3. The selection Process**

Applicants have to submit the above-mentioned documents to the email mentioned above, meeting the deadlines. The applications will be reviewed by the selection committee. As the Traineeship considers a particular focus on innovation the selection committee will carefully review the qualifications of each of the candidate assess with all means at its disposal, including the specific tasks content. In addition, the selection committee give priority to the most specific innovative idea, which could be implemented in Georgia right after the end of the Traineeship.

Final candidates will be interviewed by SPICI with an online interview.

### **4. Logistics and other conditions**

The selected candidates will receive the remuneration of 750 Euros per month; for the expenses related to flight ticket and accommodation, the candidates can apply to GITA's small grants instruments (travel grants); Insurance, will be provided by the Italian Side. The candidates will need a study visa for the whole period, emigration support letter will be provided by the organizations.

### **5. Monitoring and evaluation**

Monitoring of the program will be conducted as an integral and continued part of the process and will be performed by the all four organizers (GITA, COTEC, SPICI, Embassy of Italy in Tbilisi), reviewing day to day work in light of the tasks identified in the application. The report will be submitted by the candidates after the 3 months.

The candidates will also provide a two-page report to COTEC no more than 3 months after return to Georgia to explain how he/she contributed to Georgia's Innovation Ecosystem.