

Strategic Technology Associate

Position Details:

Location: Silicon Valley (Sunnyvale)
Category: Professional
Status/FLSA: Full-Time, Exempt
Date: 06/01/19

Job Description:

Yazaki Innovations Inc. (YII), Corporate Innovation Center of Yazaki Corporation is seeking a talented and highly motivated individual to fill the Strategic Technology Associate position.

Yazaki Corporation offers a diverse range of products in the global automotive and energy system sectors. With nearly 300,000 employees in more than 45 countries, Yazaki is one of the world's largest suppliers of automotive wiring harness. As a result of long-term collaboration with our customers, Yazaki has become a leader in research, development, and delivery of electric power and data solutions.

The individual will become part of a smart and agile interdisciplinary team to facilitate and support Yazaki's ongoing innovation initiative dedicated to collaborating with technology companies to enhance and develop new products and services.

Responsibility:

In this position, Yazaki Innovations Inc. is seeking a Strategic Technology Associate to build the function of scouting and collecting latest information on long-term technology needs and companies' in the area of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, IoT, and other emerging technologies enhancing Automotive, Manufacturing, and Energy Systems businesses. The Strategic Technology Associate will be involved in establishing a network of external sources towards identification of potential collaboration partners that may be of strategic interest to Yazaki group companies. The Strategic Technology Associate will be reporting to the Director, Strategic Technology Management. Key responsibilities include:

- Develop key understanding of long-term technology and business development needs for the Corporation.
- Develop and prioritize a scouting or needs list of enabling long-term technologies by analyzing tech roadmaps and trends, pain points, and long term challenges.
- Map the technology space: start with understanding emerging technologies, but also explore beyond the current products and business lines.

- Participate in Silicon Valley Tech and New Venture events focused on emerging technologies, to know the pulse of the trends, network, and gather useful information.
- Identify incubators, start-ups, industry associations, analysts, peers, companies, academicians, venture investment community, and others to build into our network of informants and collaborators.
- Gather information, analyze it, update supervisor frequently, and publish emerging technology intelligence reports, briefings, and due diligence reports for internal stakeholders.
- Identify key technologies and companies that we should evaluate – partner with.
- Prepare relevant presentation materials as necessary or as instructed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:

The ideal candidate will have at least a B.S/B.A degree in Business or Liberal Arts and Science with excellent networking skills and passion for emerging technologies and its applications. Having an engineering degree or experience is an added benefit. The job may require up to 25% travel mostly domestically.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate is expected to have:

- A strong passion for technology and emerging trends not just in Automotive industry, but also in all other technology oriented industries.
- The ideal candidate will be an avid reader of relevant magazines staying current on technology trends, attend technology and new venture related conferences, and participate in other techno events as well.
- Should have an extrovert personality keen on networking to collect valuable information.
- Ability to connect technology ideas and people with possible business relevance.
- Great communication skills, both written and verbal. Ability to engage and adapt communication style between highly technical and business personnel.
- Well organized and able to handle multiple priorities and certain level of ambiguity.
- Self-motivated with high energy and great attitude.
- Proficiency in PowerPoint, Word, and Excel.

YII offers competitive compensation and excellent benefits. Authorization to work in the U.S. is a precondition to employment. Candidates are requested to send cover letter and resume to hr@yii-us.com. Reply Code: YII-STA-2019.

"YII is an Equal Opportunity employer.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex including sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law."