

Role title: General Counsel
Employment type: Full time
Location: Hauser Forum, 3 Charles Babbage Road, Cambridge, CB3 0GT, UK

About Cambridge Innovation Capital

Cambridge Innovation Capital (CIC) is a venture capital firm that invests in intellectual property rich technology and life sciences companies in the Cambridge ecosystem. CIC recently raised an additional £150 million of investment capital, taking CIC's total assets under management to £275 million.

CIC has a portfolio of 25 companies and invests in approximately five new companies each year. CIC invests from £250,000 to £10 million in a first round of funding and looks to follow-on in subsequent rounds.

CIC is a preferred investor for the University of Cambridge and is led by an outstanding team which includes an advisory panel of leading scientists and entrepreneurs. We are proud to be one of the most entrepreneur and academic-friendly investors in the UK. Approximately half of the CIC portfolio comprises companies that have spun out of the University of Cambridge.

The role

CIC is looking for a General Counsel to provide legal support and assistance to the CIC investment team. This is a newly created role which offers an exciting opportunity to join one of the leading venture capital firms in the Cambridge Cluster.

The General Counsel will advise CIC on legal issues relating to day-to-day operational activities, including execution of investments (both initial rounds and follow-ons), exits, fund administration and general legal matters.

Required qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following experience:

- Qualified UK Lawyer with at least 7 years' PQE in corporate transactions
- A proven track record of providing advice on venture capital investments, including financings and M&A
- Experience working at a leading UK law firm or a law firm specialising in venture capital transactions
- Experience working on transactions with a technology and/or life sciences focus is beneficial
- Previous in-house experience, whether on secondment or in a full-time position is beneficial
- Experience of US transactions would be beneficial as many of CIC's portfolio companies have US operating subsidiaries

Required competencies

The successful candidate will have the following competencies:

- Strong negotiation and influencing skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, entrepreneurial environment
- Demonstrated commitment to providing excellent service to clients and business partners
- A team player also capable of working pro-actively in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to multi-task and manage multiple transactions at any given time
- An interest in the companies CIC invests in and the science and technology they are commercialising
- Ability to identify and help implement new operational efficiencies where appropriate
- Excellent written and oral communications skills

Compensation

- Competitive base salary
- Discretionary bonus
- Employee benefits

How to apply

Please send your curriculum vitae and a covering letter explaining why you are attracted to this role to: talent@cicplc.co.uk