

## KiwiNet Investment Committee Independent

**Location:** Anywhere in New Zealand

**Company:** KiwiNet (Kiwi Innovation Network)

### About KiwiNet

KiwiNet is the combined power of 18 of New Zealand's Universities, Crown Research Institutes and other research organisations who receive public funding. Together these research organisations represent a total combined research expenditure of over \$800 million and represent over 80% of the publicly funded researchers in New Zealand.

Since its inception, KiwiNet has demonstrated the power of bringing together diverse players across the science & innovation ecosystem to work towards a collective vision for New Zealand. Together they are driving us towards a globally competitive technology sector that delivers significant economic growth and prosperity.

The KiwiNet Investment Committee (IC) invests PreSeed Accelerator Funding (PreSeed), provided by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), into early-stage commercialisation opportunities emerging from New Zealand's publicly-funded research.

**Job Description:** We are seeking a highly qualified individual to join our KiwiNet Investment Committee (IC). The IC is composed of 18 Shareholder Representatives and 6 Independent Members. As an Independent member of the IC, you will play a crucial role in evaluating proposals and making investment decisions in the deep tech and startup space. This position requires strong analytical skills, strategic thinking, and a deep understanding of commercialisation in the Deep-tech and New Zealand Science System.

### Responsibilities:

1. Attend and actively participate in Investment Committee meetings, which occur eight times per year. Alongside time to review documentation in advance of each meeting.
2. Devote sufficient time and capacity — up to 2 days per month on average - not only to attending meetings but also to supporting the KiwiNet team and our stakeholders on an ad hoc basis where relevant
3. Review and analyse emerging opportunities in the deep tech and science sectors.

4. Asking relevant questions during Investment Committee meetings to contribute to discussions and decision-making processes.
5. Collaborate with other committee members to assess risks and opportunities associated with potential investments.
6. Provide constructive feedback on investment proposals presented by Tech Transfer Professionals, Research Scientists and Potential Start-up Founders.
7. Stay abreast of industry trends, market developments, and emerging technologies in the deep tech and science-based startup and IP licensing space.
8. Utilize personal network and industry connections to provide valuable introductions and connections for projects in the process of commercialising technology.

### Skills and Experience

Essential	Preferred
Exceptional analytical skills, with the ability to interpret complex financial data and market information.	Demonstrated experience in commercialisation of science, from the perspective of licensing, spinout creation, tech-transfer office or supporting the scale-up of science-based startups.
Excellent communication skills, with the ability to articulate questions and feedback effectively to stakeholders.	Demonstrated experience in chairing committees and an interest in potentially chairing a committee in the future are considered advantageous
Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment and contribute to constructive discussions and decision-making processes.	Cultural competence in regard to our mandate to consciously consider how Māori held knowledge, resources and people are involved in research and its commercialisation
High level of integrity, empathy, professionalism, and ethical conduct.	

#### NOTE:

Employees or contractors currently working with or in the PRO organisations are **NOT eligible** to be IC Independent members.

For Further information on KiwiNet Visit Our Website: <https://kiwinet.org.nz/>

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