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Job Posting Title

Director of Technologies, Innovation Enablement

Job Description

The Walt Disney Company is a world-class entertainment and technological leader. Walt's passion was to continuously envision new ways to move audiences around the world—a passion that remains our touchstone in an enterprise that stretches from theme parks, resorts and a cruise line to sports, news, movies and a variety of other businesses. Uniting each endeavor is a commitment to creating and delivering unforgettable experiences — and we're constantly looking for new ways to enhance these exciting experiences. Bring your individual talents here and discover for yourself why a career with Disney is the opportunity you've been looking for.

"It takes people to make the dream a reality." Walt was on to something when he said that, and it continues to ring true today. No matter the stage in your career, being a part of Walt Disney Parks & Resorts means being a part of a team where you help bring innovation to life through unsurpassed products, services and most importantly remarkable experiences. As a Cast Member you are the steward and connection to our legacy and the backbone of our thriving innovations. Join our team and watch your dreams come true.

As a Technology leader, you will be responsible for establishing this new function through the development of strategies for the Emerging Technologies portfolio, and facilitating the delivery of innovative projects from ideation through implementation. A combination of skills, including technology awareness, project management, business acumen, and design thinking, are required to successfully accomplish this job.

Responsibilities

- Develop and execute a technology innovation model across The Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. The primary responsibility of this role is practical innovation, including productization of research from external sources and serving as a serial entrepreneur incubating innovations
- Lead concept teams through the technology innovation process
- Coordinate the development and introduction of emerging technologies with other TWDC innovation groups
- Engage with key customers, members and users during prototype and pilot phases
- Drive the adoption of emerging technologies and business opportunities across WDPR businesses.
- Conceptualize innovative products to solve business problems
- Promote technical innovation opportunities to business partners
- Synthesize information and distill decisions on emerging technologies to senior executives
- The ability to establish and maintain strong customer relationships with various business stakeholders
- Ability to drive cross-functional / cross-cultural teams and diverse stakeholders to consensus based on strong communication and influencing skills
- Demonstrated ability to lead diverse, highly technical and creative teams
- Drive feasibility study based on maturity of technology, strategic alignment and delivery capabilities.
- Direct the delivery of prototypes and socialize the ideas with business partners
- Manage funding requests and manage expectations of the sponsors and stakeholders
- Deliver several simultaneous small to medium scale projects into production using an iterative/pilot based approach
- Provide leadership to direct-report and/or cross-functional teams

Basic Qualifications

- Expert innovation leader with experience managing specialized, diverse teams pursuing challenging and ambiguous goals
- Strong experience with industry-recognized innovation models
- 10+ years experience in Technology Delivery with at least 5 years managing medium to large technology projects
- 3 years experience in delivering projects involving mobile apps
- Demonstrated proficiency in Agile methodology
- Proven track record in delivering projects on time and budget
- Manage projects in a multi-vendor environment including offshore teams
- Demonstrated strong technical knowledge of digital environment including Mobile, Web, Apps, APIs, Messaging, Databases, Big Data, Networks and their Interactions

Preferred Qualifications

- Recent experience in delivering innovative projects using emerging technologies such as Augmented/Virtual reality, Advanced Mobile Kits (location, proximity, motion etc), Internet of Things, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Graph Data etc.
- Proven expertise in physical/digital convergence
- Proven professional networking among technology companies in Silicon Valley
- Proven technology startup experience

Required Education

- Bachelors in Computer Science or other related Engineering disciplines (ie.. math, physics,

etc) or equivalent experience

Preferred Education

- MBA/MS focused on entrepreneurship from a top tier graduate program

Additional Information

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