

Job Opening @ EVPA

Corporate Social Investment Research Associate

BACKGROUND

Following EVPA's publication on [Corporate Social Investment Strategies – New Paths for Collaborative Growth](#), a task group of top corporate social investment vehicles, such as corporate impact funds and corporate foundations, was set up in order to:

1. Inspire corporate social investment vehicles to pursue venture philanthropy and social investment (VP/SI)
2. Enable those pursuing VP/SI to do it better, more impactful and at larger scale
3. Address the barriers preventing players from pursuing and scaling VP/SI

This task group – also known as [EVPA Corporate Initiative](#) – acts similarly to an advisory committee and is composed of the leaders of some of Europe's leading corporate impact funds and corporate foundations. The group advises EVPA on the best way to achieve our objectives above.

THE POSITION

EVPA is looking for an experienced researcher to lead and implement the research work connected to EVPA's Corporate Initiative. The *Corporate Social Investment Research Associate* drives **applied research** on key topics related to corporate social investment strategies under the supervision of the Knowledge Centre Director of EVPA and in line with what defined together with the EVPA Corporate Initiative taskforce.

Main tasks include:

- Collecting and summarising existing research on topics connected to corporates works in VP/SI (e.g. employees' engagement, steered intrapreneurship, social impact strategies, etc.)
- Liaising with EVPA Corporate Initiative Taskforce members to identify 'best practices' and hurdles/barriers/gaps in corporate social impact venturing, summarising the main findings in reports, presentations, summaries and other formats depending on the needs of the taskforce.
- Conduct applied research that serves as a guided, well structured and informed learning process/journey for our corporate members.

SKILLS & QUALITIES

- Previous experience in conducting non-academic research on corporate social impact strategies, employees' engagement, corporate impact venturing, corporate social investment and/or shared value.
- Preferably experience of working in/researching the fields of (venture) philanthropy, social (impact) investment and / or (social) entrepreneurship
- Excellent report-writing skills, communication skills, experience of writing concise summaries of complex issues, synthesizing complex information into accessible and readable formats, presenting at conferences and seminars and conducting training sessions.
- Ability to self-organize your work and to manage and implement projects with a proactive attitude, attention to detail and accuracy
- Written and spoken fluency in English, other European language(s) are a plus

- Good level of IT literacy, including CRM and data analysis software tool/s is a plus

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Full-time position, based in Brussels
- Reporting to the Knowledge Centre Director
- You will be at the forefront of creating the VP/SI sector and will have contacts with all relevant actors in the field as well as international organisations
- Compensation according to experience and skills brought to the position (rem: EVPA is a non-profit association)
- Starting date as soon as possible

Interested? Please send your CV and motivation letter to Priscilla Boiardi (pboiardi@evpa.eu.com) by **15 December 2017**.

Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

ABOUT EVPA

Established in 2004 and based in Brussels, the European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) is a non-profit, membership association gathering organisations based in Europe and which are interested in or practicing Venture Philanthropy and Social Investment (VP/SI). These include venture philanthropy funds, social investors, grant-making foundations, impact investing funds, private equity firms and professional service firms, philanthropy advisors, banks or business schools. EVPA currently gathers over 220 members from 30 countries, mainly based in Europe.

EVPA defines VP/SI as an approach to build stronger social enterprises by providing them with both financial and non-financial support (i.e. capacity building) at all stages of their development in order to increase their societal impact.

Envisioning “*a world where philanthropy and investment combine to drive societal impact*”, EVPA’s mission is “*to enable Venture Philanthropists and Social Investors to maximise societal impact through increased resources, collaboration and expertise*”. In line with its vision, EVPA’s strategic objectives are to:

1. **Co-create a well-functioning ecosystem** for societal impact;
2. **Increase funding** and **expertise** coming into the VP/SI space; as well as
3. **Increase effectiveness** of Venture Philanthropists and Social Investors.

EVPA is committed to support its members in their work by providing networking opportunities and facilitate learning. Furthermore, EVPA strengthens its role as European Thought Leader in order to build a deeper understanding of the sector, promote the appropriate use of VP/SI and voice the concerns and expectations of VP/SI practitioners to policy makers.

EVPA is a young and small organisation, and as such, we highly value the contribution of each team member. Therefore, working for EVPA provides the opportunity to play an important role in the development of VP/SI in Europe. For more information please visit our website: www.evpa.eu.com.