Job Description

The Creative Destruction Lab (CDL), is a not for profit organisation that delivers an objectives-based programme for massively scalable, seed stage, science- and technology-based companies. The programme has created more than £8.4 bn in equity, targeting ventures that have the potential to transform our social, industrial and economic landscape.

Originally conceived at the University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management in 2012, there are now ten CDL programmes based at leading business schools globally. CDL-Oxford opened as the first site outside of North America in 2019, based at Saïd Business School, CDL-Oxford concentrates on the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Climate, FinTech and Health.

We are currently seeking a candidate with experience related to Artificial Intelligence and FinTech.

The Venture Analyst will assume responsibility for supporting the CDL-Oxford site operations, focusing on venture recruitment across the UK and Europe, providing business development support to CDL Ventures and leading initiatives to support the growth and continuous improvement of the programme.

This role will work with the site academic lead at Oxford Saïd, Professor Thomas Hellmann; Director, Sarah Barratt Ball, and colleagues across the CDL-Global Platform.
Responsibilities

Recruitment and selection

- Identifies centres of innovation in the local, national and European ecosystem, including universities, venture capital funds, incubators and accelerators, and tech associations, to build a strong pipeline of CDL venture applicants.
- Supports the outreach strategy for the recruitment of an incoming cohort, promoting CDL-Oxford nationally and internationally through presentations and external site visits.
- Supports the pipeline of CDL prospects and monitors and helps convert leads to applications.
- Supports recruitment efforts through research, data management and coordination.
- Assesses the suitability of early-stage science and engineering-based ventures that apply to the CDL programme.
- Interviews applicant companies, assesses them and makes recommendations about which should be admitted to the programme.

Venture management

- Acts as a coordinator between ventures, scientists and students.
- Provides support to up to 15 ventures accepted onto the programme, especially at specific milestones.
- Support the Venture Management Team, including Associate Director, Senior Venture Manager, and Venture Managers, in data analysis, document preparation, Venture communications and other support as required.
- Support the delivery of bespoke acceleration programming for each venture, particularly throughout October-June when the cohort is live on the overall programme. Programme delivery will be continuous in this period.
- Support the team in the creation of a community of entrepreneurs where peer to peer interaction and support has a direct impact on the founders’ personal leadership development as well as the development of the start-up.
- Develop an environment of support to allow ventures to scale.
- Acts as venture ambassador, promoting ventures externally and exploring advantageous opportunities nationally and internationally.
- Support development of venture summaries and venture updates for each venture accepted onto the programme.
- Support the Venture Management team in the creation of workflow processes to enable effective management of stakeholders, including database management
- Manages documentation workflow.

CDL operations
• Coordinates resources, recruits Ventures and implements processes
• Provides support to the Events and Projects Officer, as required for hosting Virtual, as well as physical sessions
• Provide support to CDL Global for special projects and events
• Provides support for the CDL ‘Super Session’.

Selection criteria
Essential selection criteria
• STEM degree or technology background at the undergraduate level. Experience of working with start-up companies, technology companies or venture capital is an asset.
• Strong analytical ability and understanding of business models and drivers of success in start-ups across several verticals.
• Ability to analyse and systematically evaluate ventures. Proficiency with financial modelling, conducting market analysis and strategic planning is an asset.
• Experience of and confidence in working with high-performance teams and multiple stakeholders.
• Entrepreneurial and highly motivated approach with a strong interest in start-ups and venture capital.
• Strong, team-orientated work ethic with the expectation of working independently and autonomously.
• Excellent written and verbal communication in English.

Pre-employment screening
Standard checks
If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven’t done so already) we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University’s pre-employment screening procedures at: https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks

About the University of Oxford
Welcome to the University of Oxford. We aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford’s researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

We believe our strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, while providing all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is our strength, vital for innovation and creativity, we aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual’s unique contribution.

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe’s most entrepreneurial universities and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

Join us and you will find a unique, democratic and international community, a great range of staff benefits and access to a vibrant array of cultural activities in the beautiful city of Oxford.
Said Business School

Said Business School blends the best of new and old. We are a vibrant and innovative business school, but yet deeply embedded in an 800 year old world-class university. We create programmes and ideas that have global impact. We educate people for successful business careers, and as a community seek to tackle world-scale problems. We deliver cutting-edge programmes, including the highly regarded MBA, Executive MBA, a number of specialist MScs, a portfolio of custom and open programmes, and accredited diplomas for executives, and we undertake ground-breaking research that transform individuals, organisations, business practice, and society. We are an international and outward looking School with our programme participants coming from more than 50 countries.

We seek to be a world-class business school community, embedded in a world-class University, tackling world-scale problems.

Further information about Said Business School is available at www.sbs.oxford.edu

The School holds a bronze Athena Swan award to recognise advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all.

Social Sciences

The School is a department within the Social Sciences Division, one of four academic Divisions in the University, each with considerable devolved budgetary and financial authority; and responsibility for providing a broad strategic focus across its constituent disciplines.

The Social Sciences Division represents the largest grouping of social sciences in the UK: home to a number of outstanding departments and to the internationally ranked Law Faculty; all are committed to research to develop a greater understanding of all aspects of society, from the impact of political, legal and economic systems on social and economic welfare to human rights and security. That research is disseminated through innovative graduate programmes and enhances undergraduate courses.

For more information please visit http://www.socsci.ox.ac.uk/

How to apply

Applications are made through our e-recruitment system and you will find all the information you need about how to apply on our Jobs website https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/how-to-apply.

Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that you meet the selection criteria stated in the job description.

As part of your application you will be asked to provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them now.

You will be asked to upload a CV and a supporting statement. The supporting statement must explain how you meet each of the selection criteria for the post using examples of your skills and experience. This may include experience gained in employment, education, or during career breaks (such as time out to care for dependants)

Please upload all documents as PDF files with your name and the document type in the filename.

All applications must be received by midday UK time on the closing date stated in the online advertisement.
Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment because they have been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing department(s).

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you attach your redeployment letter to your application (or email it to the contact address on the advert if the application form used for the vacancy does not allow attachments).

If you need help
Help and support is available from: https://hrsystems.admin.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support

If you require any further assistance please email recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk.

To return to the online application at any stage, please go to: www.recruit.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that you will receive an automated email from our e-recruitment system to confirm receipt of your application. Please check your spam/junk mail if you do not receive this email.
Important information for candidates

Data Privacy
Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University’s Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy. The University’s Policy on Data Protection is available at: https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy.

The University’s policy on retirement
The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for all academic posts and some academic-related posts. The University has adopted an EJRA of 30 September before the 69th birthday for all academic and academic-related staff in posts at grade 8 and above. The justification for this is explained at: https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra

For existing employees, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra

There is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at grades 1–7 have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.

Equality of opportunity
Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.
Benefits of working at the University

Employee benefits
University employees enjoy 38 days’ paid holiday, generous pension schemes, travel discounts, and a variety of professional development opportunities. Our range of other employee benefits and discounts also includes free entry to the Botanic Gardens and University colleges, and discounts at University museums. See https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-benefits

University Club and sports facilities
Membership of the University Club is free for all University staff. The University Club offers social, sporting, and hospitality facilities. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room, and swimming pool. See www.club.ox.ac.uk and https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/

Information for staff new to Oxford
If you are relocating to Oxfordshire from overseas or elsewhere in the UK, the University’s Welcome Service website includes practical information about settling in the area, including advice on relocation, accommodation, and local schools. See https://welcome.ox.ac.uk/

There is also a visa loan scheme to cover the costs of UK visa applications for staff and their dependents. See https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk/visa-loan-scheme

Family-friendly benefits
With one of the most generous family leave schemes in the Higher Education sector, and a range of flexible working options, Oxford aims to be a family-friendly employer. We also subscribe to My Family Care, a service that provides practical advice and support for employees who have caring responsibilities. The service offers a free telephone advice line, and the ability to book emergency back-up care for children, adult dependents and elderly relatives. See https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/my-family-care

The University has excellent childcare services, including five University nurseries as well as University-supported places at many other private nurseries.

For full details, including how to apply and the costs, see https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/

Disabled staff
We are committed to supporting members of staff with disabilities or long-term health conditions. For further details, including information about how to make contact, in confidence, with the University’s Staff Disability Advisor, see https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/disability-support

Staff networks
The University has a number of staff networks including the Oxford Research Staff Society, BME staff network, LGBT+ staff network and a disabled staff network. You can find more information at https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/networks

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club
The University of Oxford Newcomers’ Club is an organisation run by volunteers that aims to assist the partners of new staff settle into Oxford, and provides them with an opportunity to meet people and make connections in the local area. See www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk.