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Shaping the Future of **INNOVATION**

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Industry Academic Linkages
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Do you need specialised knowledge and expertise to develop and grow your business?

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Are you a post-graduate student or have recently graduated and looking for a placement in a business to do R&D?

The Shaping the Future of Innovation project is launching a pilot programme **Industry and Academic Linkages** to support business-led innovation by fostering and strengthening links between companies and universities in Trinidad and Tobago centred around **applied research and knowledge development**.

Eligible firms seeking to embark upon, or actively pursuing, R&D or innovative projects, will be afforded the opportunity to host a **Post-graduate Research Associate*** on a six-month placement to bring in new knowledge and expertise.

Post graduate Research Associates interested in partnering with firms to undertake R&D or innovative projects can apply for placement into the programme. The pilot programme will provide the firm with 50% of the cost of engaging the Post-graduate Research Associate.

This ground-breaking initiative, managed by CARIRI, is an excellent opportunity for firms to access additional part-funded resources for innovation and applied R&D, aimed at developing new products and services and delivering improvements to processes and productivity.

*Must be educated to at least Masters or PhD level and are nationals of Trinidad and Tobago.

The **Shaping the Future of Innovation** Project is a partnership among the Government of Trinidad and Tobago through the Ministry of Planning and Development, the European Union and IDB LAB, in collaboration with the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) as the project implementing partner. The project is financed by the European Union and the IDB LAB.



Firms and Post-graduate Research Associates interested in Industry and Academic Linkages can access support from Shaping the Future of Innovation to define and develop project ideas. A matching service will also be available to connect suitable firms with Post-graduate Research Associates with the skills and knowledge needed to undertake R&D/innovative projects.

To register your interest in the pilot programme contact:

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