

Director with Applied Research, Development and Implementation Skills

Suitable candidates will have proven ability linking research and development activities to practical implementation, with a strong focus on innovation in agribusiness. A strong preference would be given for farming/dairy genetic experience. A deep understanding and proven experience in the successful implementation of R&D program outcomes will be required. Candidates will be able to demonstrate capability in linking R&D programs to the strategic and operating plans of the organisation and in the oversight of a strategic portfolio of R&D and implementation programs.

Expected background and experience:

- Proven ability in implementing R&D project outcomes with a strong focus on innovation in agriculture. Ideally, farming/dairy would be a part of this background;
- Strong experience in the development of strategic and operating plans and in linking relevant R&D and implementation programs to these plans;
- Demonstrated understanding of the implementation of R&D outcomes and understanding of multiple approaches and routes to achieve commercialisation;
- Demonstrated experience in the governance of R&D/innovation programs and a broad understanding of evaluation approaches and tools in this area;
- Possesses a network of professional, governmental, and R&D contacts appropriate to the needs of this industry role;
- Significant exposure and experience in farming/dairy, management of intellectual property and/or software would be highly regarded as would an understanding of market development and world dairy markets;
- A strong understanding of the role of data-driven and digital technologies in herd improvement, farm decision-making, service delivery or industry innovation would be highly regarded.

Personal Attributes: Demonstrates an ability to influence and to communicate/explain a point of view, shows an understanding of the balance between strategic and operational aspects of the DataGene Non-Executive Director role, demonstrates evidence of the application of good corporate governance, the need to engage with industry and gain insight into DataGene's operating environment.