



CAREER PROFILE | GRADE RANGE: 6–8

## Director of Innovation

### AM I...

- Good at math?
- An innovative problem solver?
- Creative?

### DO I...

- Like leading groups?
- Communicate effectively?

At Trane Technologies, teams of people around the globe create products and services that make buildings and homes more comfortable and energy efficient. They also create climate-controlled products to move refrigerated foods, medicines, and other perishable things around the world safely and in an environmentally friendly way. The **Director of Innovation** at Trane Technologies works with a variety of teams and departments to identify new opportunities, generate ideas, and implement new products and services.

### WHAT IS A DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION?<sup>1</sup>

**Directors of Innovation** lead teams of professionals who come up with ideas themselves or bring ideas in from outside the organization. They implement those ideas to improve the effectiveness of an organization's products and services, which helps a company's efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness. They can be involved in multiple aspects of the company, such as project management, product development, finance, marketing, and establishing a culture of innovation.

### CAREER OUTLOOK<sup>1</sup>

Companies will continue to look for new ways to be efficient and productive. Therefore, this career is expected to grow at an average rate.

Projected job growth: 7% (2020–2030)

Annual median salary: \$125,000

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bit.ly/3C2JIGZ>

## **IS BECOMING A DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?**

Directors of Innovation are:

- Creative
- Effective in both written and verbal communication
- Strong leaders
- Strong in math
- Innovative problem solvers

## **HOW DO I BECOME A DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION?**

You will need to:

- Take classes in math and computer science
- Develop your communication and leadership skills
- Get job experience working in technology and manufacturing