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Job Profile

Microscopy Analyst Microscopy, Chemistry & Biochemistry Analytical Services

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Campden BRI provides scientific, technical, and legislative support to the food, drinks and allied industries worldwide. The practical application of technical excellence lies at the heart of all that we do and is supported by our industry-leading facilities, expertise and knowledge.

From analysis and testing and operational support to knowledge management, all our activities are built on an extensive programme of research and innovation steered by industry to ensure maximum commercial relevance.

We provide services to companies all along the supply chain, but offer discounts, access to expert advice and other benefits for those that come into membership. Many of our clients are major blue chip companies and household names.

Locations

The Campden BRI Group operates from three sites in the UK and a fourth in Hungary. The role as advertised will be based at the Chipping Campden site but could require from time to time travel to other Group sites.

The site in Chipping Campden employs 285 full or part-time staff. A further 40 staff are employed at the site at Nutfield, Surrey and 20 staff are employed at our site in Budapest, Hungary. We also have a Consumer Test Centre in Leamington Spa.

Department

The Chemistry & Biochemistry Department is the largest Department at Campden BRI, with over 80 staff. The Department is grouped into Sections dealing with Food Composition, Biochemistry, Chromatography and Microscopy. The work of the Department encompasses nutritional composition analysis for food labelling and other purposes, authenticity and allergen testing, analysis for a wide range of potential chemical contaminants including pesticides and illegal dyes, problems with food packaging materials and the identification of foreign bodies reported from food.

Microscopy Section

The Microscopy Section is a small team of analysts carrying out a wide range of work including the analysis and identification of foreign bodies reported from food. In addition to a wide range of investigations where microscopy techniques can be applied to assist to help clients resolve problems with food products or related materials such as food packaging. The largest area of work is foreign body identification, dealing with a huge diversity of foreign bodies reported from food products by consumers. A rapid turnaround service is offered to our clients to enable them to respond quickly to consumer complaints. Other activities involve studies of food structure and the identification of a wide range of samples, some of them non-food materials, and various projects for H.M. Revenue & Customs.

We are looking for an analyst to work within the Microscopy Section, to work principally on contract services dealing mainly with the identification of foreign bodies reported from food, but also in the other areas in which the Microscopy Section is involved. With regard to the latter, at this time we are particularly interested in candidates who have relevant experience and knowledge in the microscopic examination of food structures, histology, botany, materials science or related skills. The post will involve the use of a wide range of microscopy and micro-analytical techniques including light microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, X-ray microanalysis and FT-IR spectroscopy. The person appointed will be expected to work both on their own and as part of a team, taking responsibility for the individual project work and preparing a report on each sample. The post, which is available immediately, would suit a candidate with an investigative frame of mind and an interest in the imaginative application of analytical techniques. Experience of microscopy techniques would be essential, and a basic understanding of quality control procedures would be useful.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To undertake microscopic investigations of foreign bodies, food packaging and food structure and other materials using light and scanning electron microscopy, X-ray microanalysis and FT-IR analysis after appropriate training and carry out other technical operations in accordance with the position as instructed.
- Interpret analytical data.
- Prepare and send out technical reports on foreign body identification and other samples for clients.
- If required, to book in samples
- To work in a safe manner in accordance with departmental policies.
- To work in accordance with the Campden BRI Management system.
- To keep neat and orderly records of results and other relevant information.

Qualifications and competencies

- Science degree required and a broad scientific background
- Experience of microscopic aspects of either food structure, histology, botany, materials science or other relevant experience.

Key skills

- Good with scientific equipment in general
- Experience of microscopic aspects of either food structure, histology, botany, material science or other relevant experience
- Investigative, problem-solving turn of mind.
- Ability to work on own or as part of a small team
- Ability to work well under pressure.
- Ability to write clear, concise reports for non-scientific clients
- Organised, methodical approach to work

Pay and benefits

Salary:	£18,200 - £20,000
Grade:	G2 Analyst
Holidays:	24 days plus public holidays and a buying/selling holiday scheme.
Pension scheme:	Campden BRI operates a pension scheme
Training:	Campden BRI is committed to ensure all staff receives appropriate training to support their job function and business needs.
Health:	Campden BRI operates a 'permanent health scheme' if you are unable to continue work for health reasons and a 'death in service' scheme.
Others:	Other benefits include subsidised restaurant/vending machine and parking on site.

Further Information

If further information is required, please visit our website www.campdenbri.co.uk