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Job Profile

Microbiology Analytical Services Senior Technician Microbiology Department

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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 300 full or part-time staff. A further 50 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.

You can find out more about what its like to work at Campden BRI on our company Facebook page.

Department of Microbiology

The Microbiology Department has 45 members of staff who perform microbiological tests on a range of food products and food-related samples for clients seven days a week. Their activities include:

- Microbiological testing of samples, and troubleshooting problems for clients
- Researching cooking processes
- Determining and confirming shelf-life of products
- Training
- Carry out laboratory audits

The Department of Microbiology Analytical Services

T Microbiology Analytical Services (MAS) is a friendly team of 10 people. They perform tests on a range of food products and food-related samples for clients seven days a week. The group either work on individual pieces of work or together as a team on large projects. The testing work involves sample preparation before doing specific techniques to detect and/or count pathogenic (food poisoning) or food spoilage microorganisms within food, environmental or other samples.

The laboratory has accreditation for 23 methods by a formal nationally recognised body (UKAS) which demonstrates the technical competence and integrity of our testing methods.

The Position

To work in the MAS laboratories with the team testing a variety of foods and associated samples.

Training and development opportunities are available for enthusiastic and proficient members of the team to progress their career in the group.

Weekend and Bank Holiday work will be required on a rota basis, normally one in four, either paid as overtime or taken as time off in lieu, therefore own transport is essential.

This position reports to the MAS Laboratory Manager.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Main duties and responsibilities will include (but will not be limited to):

- Microbiological testing of food samples including PCR and DNA based methods
- Sample Receipt
- Housekeeping duties
- Equipment maintenance duties
- Maintaining records
- Perform confirmations when appropriate
- LIMS administration
- Work in CL3 Laboratory (*as required*).

Qualifications and Competencies

- 1 – 2 A 'levels in a scientific subject (or equivalent)
- Experience working in a microbiology laboratory for 2+ years
- Knowledge of microbiological techniques relating to work carried out in the section.
- Work accurately within specified time frames
- Computer literate

Key Skills

- The ability to be practically minded and possess a common-sense approach to work
- To be able to follow detailed work instructions and adopt an organised and methodical approach
- The ability to function effectively within a team
- A confident manner and good communication skills, in order to effectively liaise with internal customers
- The ability to produce and maintain clear records and documentation is essential
- Any knowledge of laboratory equipment, techniques and procedures would be advantageous but not essential

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Pay and benefits

Salary:	Guide: £17,750 to £20,000 per annum
Grade:	G2
Holidays:	24 days rising on length of service, plus public holidays
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 insurance 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