



This job is all about innovation. It's for someone who wants to shape how new foods will taste and look in the future.

Working with a wide team of people you will assist with new product developments and innovations - seeing them through from initial concept through factory trial to launch at the same time meeting all the requirements of internal and external targets and in required timescales.

What's the job?

Assistant NPD Technologist

Sounds interesting. What will I do?

As Assistant Technologist you will:

- Assist Product Innovation and Development Managers / Technologists to efficiently deliver product innovation and development projects.
- Communicate regularly and to a consistently high standard with Managers / Technologists in all aspects of kitchen, factory and paperwork.
- Complete kitchen concept work and the relevant paperwork in an organised fashion.
- Order raw materials as required for kitchen work and as directed by Managers / Technologists for factory trials.
- Ensure samples are produced and labelled to the required specification, including cooking instructions.
- Carry out individual project work .
- Attend factory line trials and where required:
 - * Prepare/order and weigh out raw materials.
 - * Assist with line set up.
 - * Carry out all general duties associated with trials through to packing, storage and despatch.
 - * Completing trial record sheets and filing.
 - * Assessing line-trialled product.
- Collaborate effectively with other key functions (such as commercial, operations, technical, process, packaging etc) to deliver trials / launches.
- Work closely with Manager / Technologists and other Assistant Technologists to agree objectives and create work plans to deliver product development projects.

- Undertake occasional travel to meet customers, suppliers and other sites to meet the demands of the job and training needs.
- Monitor and control any negative environmental impact arising from the processes within area of responsibility, ensuring that all direct reports and colleagues are briefed and clear as to their risk management responsibilities.

What knowledge, skills, qualifications and experience will I need?

You should have:

- Extensive practical factory or product development experience.
- Sound technical knowledge.
- A track record of delivering and completing tasks successfully and on time.
- The ability to independently run line trials in conjunction with Operations, as agreed with Manager / Technologist.
- Excellent communication skills with the visible passion and enthusiasm for delivering product innovation and development.
- The ability to demonstrate excellent attention to detail in all aspects of work.
- The ability to work as part of team and independently
- Good organisational skills with the ability to plan and manage individual workload.
- The ability to show initiative.
- The ability to gain and maintain trust and respect of colleagues.
- The availability to undertake occasional business trips to meet the demands of the job.
- Good IT skills.
- Full driving licence.