

Ananas Anam Job Description

Job Title: R&D Project Manager, Full Time

Location: Somerset House, London

Starting date: approx End of March 2018

Salary commensurate with experience

About our Company:

Ananas Anam Ltd has developed the pioneering brand Piñatex®, a natural plant-based and versatile material from a sustainable source. The innovative material is made from fibres of pineapple leaves, a by-product of the pineapple harvest. Piñatex follows a strong social and ecological agenda and can be mass produced, making it a cost-effective textile and alternative to leather.

Piñatex® was developed by Dr. Carmen Hijosa, Founder and CEO of the company, to counteract the unsustainable practices of the fashion industry.

Ananas Anam is a fast moving company with opportunity to grow. The successful candidate will join our team and lead on process development to improve economics and the environmental sustainability of Pinatex. The R&D Project Manager works closely with Dr. Carmen Hijosa as well as the Operations and Sales team.

Job Objective:

To plan, perform and monitor all activities related to R&D, testing our products, incorporating new technologies and manufacturing processes.

Responsibilities:

- Research and development in all subjects related to Piñatex and subsequent line of materials; from fibres to substrate to final product, including all related processes such as degumming, substrate manufacturing parameters, final finishes and latest products related to the Piñatex market segment (both laboratory centre and desk based).
- Research and assess any scientific study and breakthrough that will keep us abreast with new technologies, and new materials in the market. Perform technoeconomic feasibility studies to assess the suitability of process innovation.
- Develop collaborations with academic or industrial partners, institutions, to further R&D.
- Record keeping related to product or process development, as well as maintaining physical and e-records of all samples.
- Manage all tests and certifications that need to be done from fibres to the final product, Piñatex.
- Liaise with Operations team to assess market requirements and maintain quality control of new processes.

- Help the communications team to convey the science and technology, properties and material used in Piñatex production in adverts and public communications.
- Keep physical and e-records of all samples (i.e. Sample library in the office)
Follow up in all research leads, that may link to collaborators, partners, institutions, events and/or any company that may be needed to further the R&D.

*This position requires attending some meetings, conferences as well as trips (i.e. manufacturing sites) on a regular basis. The successful candidate should be prepared to travel as required.

Essential:

- University degree in one of the following field or similar Materials Science; Material Engineering; Biotechnology (i.e. biochemistry).
- Preferably 2 years' experience in industry, or equivalent postgraduate experience in chemical formulation, material development, process scale up
- IT Skills in MS Office and Adobe Suite Softwares
- Fluent in English and proficiency in Spanish
- Flexibility to adapt to changing demands and priorities
- Organisation and planning skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills, communication and organisational skills

Desirable

- Familiarity with REACH, C2C, AFIRM, Blusign, Oko-Tex
- Familiarity with Life Cycle Assessment software
- Understanding of the following markets: fashion, upholstery and automotive
- Textiles and Nonwoven technologies
- Expertise in chemical formulation, binding agents or degumming processes.

Please if interested send a CV and Cover Letter to Tatiana Dubois at tatiana.dubois@ananas-anam.com

Application Deadline: 20th of February