

Versele-Laga - Nutritionist

The job:

We are seeking a dynamic and passionate individual to join our Research and Development team as a Nutritionist. In your role, you execute research and product development in the field of nutrition for pet animals, in line with the commercial needs and strategy of Versele-Laga. You are able to develop and establish yourself as expert in the dietary needs of pet animals, and you dare to take initiative in trying out new ideas and concepts. For your assignments, you will report into the Senior RD Manager and work in close collaboration with other members of the R&D team and the product management team.

Key Responsibilities:

- Conceptualize, test and develop new products and/or technologies, executed in a project format from idea to end product. This includes:
 - Come up with innovative proposals for new products or technologies
 - Take initiative to make (or organize the making of) experimental versions of new products or technologies
 - Design, execute and/or follow-up trials to assess the performance and efficacy of new formulations. You indicate the requirements (test locations, research collaborations, service providers) accordingly.
 - Collect, analyze and interpret data, translating them into correct and complete reports for a variety of stakeholders
 - Deliver finalized products within required specifications (performance, cost, quality control, regulatory restrictions)
- Provide formulatory and technical support on existing products within the Versele-Laga portfolio.
- Execute (or support in the execution of) project management: make and follow up on required project budget, resources and timelines; do timely stakeholder management; make monthly status reports; ensure proactive communication with key stakeholders.. to ensure timely and successful product delivery
- Uphold scientific excellence through proper yet pragmatic experimental design, thereby making proposals for the use of state-of-the-art and innovative methodologies and tools
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including product management, production and sales. Actively support other parts of the business (e.g.

technical advice, answering consumer questions, participation in conferences, giving lectures)

Your qualifications:

- Master's degree in Animal Nutrition, Animal Science, Biology, Veterinary medicine or similar through experience
- Creative and innovative mindset to translate scientific knowledge into practical, marketable products
- Strong analytical and ability to think out of the box to solve problems and challenges
- Proven experience in new product and/or technology development
- Experience in project management and strong organizational skills, is an advantage
- Excellent communication and collaboration abilities

What we offer:

- We offer a varied job in a growing international family business close to home.
- You will receive a competitive salary, supplemented with fringe benefits.
- You will work in a family atmosphere with joint participation in sporting events such as the Versele-Laga Run, the Versele-Laga Classic, the Warmathon,...

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