

Name:

Department (and Section where appropriate): Consumer & Sensory Science Dept. - Sensory Services

Grade: G2

Job Title: Sensory Technologist

Immediate Line Manager (Job Title): Descriptive Panel Leader

Job Purpose

To assist with the planning, preparation and execution of the work of the Sensory Descriptive Panel

Main Duties (including % of time spent)

- To deputise for the Panel Leader with all practical and administrative aspects of running descriptive projects including panel facilitation/training sessions (35%)
- To co-ordinate all Panel Acuity activities (15%)
- To become proficient in the use of Compusense sensory data collection software (10%)
- To prepare samples safely using good food hygiene practices for assessment by the Panel (15%)
- To co-ordinate sample receipt and organise purchase, storage and preparation of panel training and reference samples (10%)
- To facilitate the weekly retail consumer panels including set up and reporting (10%)
- To work on other sensory projects within the Sensory Testing Services Section as required (5%)

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

- Degree or equivalent in a food science/technology or related discipline
- Previous industrial experience in a sensory and/or laboratory environment
- Completion of the 'One Day Introduction to Sensory Analysis' course and '4 Day Sensory Evaluation Workshop' or equivalents
- Good organisational, practical and panel facilitation skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proficient in Word/Excel/PowerPoint
- Basic Food Hygiene/Safety Certificate

KEY TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Communications

- Good verbal and written skills to enable technical discussions with sensory team/clients and also to assist with compilation of technical reports
- Ability to instruct and train the Descriptive Panel using multiple sensory evaluation methods in order to meet the project objective

2. Analytical Skills & Creativity

- Ability to analyse, interpret test data and resolve technical issues occurring during execution of project work
- Analysis, interpretation and understanding of technical information

3. Management of Activities

- Consult with the Panel Leader/Project Manager in the planning and implementation of training, research and contract Panel work
- Ability to organise and co-ordinate the panel to support the organisation and execution of tests
- Manage the Panel Acuity Programme
- Administration of panel relating to weekly working hours and holidays

4. Management of People

- Partial responsibility (with Panel Leader) for the panel regarding panel training and performance
- Organisation of the Descriptive Panel regarding maintenance and training

Sensory Testing Services Section Manager – Panel Leader – JOB HOLDER – Descriptive Panel

5. Management of Finance & Resources

- Responsible for efficient use of available resources and ensuring descriptive projects are executed effectively to set timescales.

6. Autonomy & Accountability

- The job holder will be included in the decision making process associated with the planning and execution of descriptive projects but will be closely supervised by the Panel Leader.

7. Working Environment

- Primarily RA based
- Requirement to undertake activities in specialist sensory laboratories when required

8. Other designated job roles (Please tick those applicable)

Technical Panel Secretary

Quality Co-ordinator

Safety Co-ordinator

First Aider

First Aid Leader

Fire Officer

Fire Leader

Out of Hours Service

Software Co-ordinator

Trained internal Auditor✓

Equipment Officer

Departmental Archivist

Hygiene Manager

Process Hall Manager

Event Director

Risk Assessor

Biological Safety Officer

Safety Representative

Safety Committee Member

Sample Receipt Steward✓

Authorised Driver (in line with Car Policy)✓

DSE User ✓

Manual Handler

Signed & Dated

Job Holder

Date

Line Manager

Date