



Position - Materials Science Associate – OCEANIUM

Fixed term: 6-month contract with potential for extension

Full-time: 40 hours per week inclusive of lunch break

Location: European Marine Science Park, Oban Scotland, potential for other labs TBD

Salary: £25,000

Start date: ASAP

Application deadline: Rolling until filled

About OCEANIUM

OCEANIUM is a leader in the emerging seaweed industry. We are a passionate and ambitious team driving systemic change, developing products from sustainably sourced seaweed, including innovative materials, cosmeceuticals, nutraceuticals and plant-based food ingredients to meet growing demand.

Our mission is to develop and make products from sustainably sourced seaweed to benefit People Health and Planet Health – we are seaweed evangelists on a journey to ‘Kelp the World®’. We are inspired by creativity, thrive on innovation and are driven by environmental and social impact.

About the position

This role is an exciting opportunity to help develop next generation materials at the cutting edge of innovative science. We are looking for an enthusiastic Materials Science Associate with technical, creative and organizational skills to make meaningful contributions to our novel materials, a passion to work in a fast-moving start up and a desire to make a difference to the field and future of materials technology!

Reporting to the Materials Scientist, the Materials Science Associate will deliver materials product development including extensive laboratory formulation and testing of novel seaweed-derived inks and coatings.

Key role responsibilities

- Take a proactive approach to comply with all company health and safety policies
- Use technical knowledge in chemistry and creative research skills to deliver laboratory-based formulation and testing of new materials products
- Ensure the excellence and integrity of research work through rigorous scientific methods, validation, experimental design, record keeping, and reporting
- Maintain regular reporting and communication with Line Manager and Project Managers
- Organisation, labelling and management of samples and supply stocks
- Take responsibility for all reasonable delegated product development tasks

About you

- You will be a self-starter, and a hard-working individual with keen organisational skills
- You are passionate about working in an emerging and innovative environmentally positive industry
- You have a strong sense of creativity to aid the product development process
- You are results oriented and determined in resolving issues and achieving objectives
- You have a keen eye for attention to detail
- You have excellent time management skills and a can-do attitude

- You have a flexible approach to work and comfortable operating in a fast growing and fast paced environment; responsive and adaptable to changing requirements and priorities
- Passion for development of sustainable materials to replace resource intensive materials and contribute to OCEANIUM's Sustainable Development Goals

Experience and qualifications

Essential

- A degree in chemistry / materials science
- Experience in laboratory experimental design including design of experiments (DOE)
- Hands on experience in laboratory R&D including formulation and chemical analysis
- Hands on experience in laboratory data analysis including basic statistical analysis
- Excellent record keeping, report writing, communication and presentation skills
- Excellent IT skills including familiarity with Office 365

Desirable

- Experience with Electronic Lab Notebook and data management software
- Experience with Good Laboratory Practice or equivalent quality management systems

Next Steps:

If you feel that you have the right blend of capabilities and experience as well as the ability to make a significant contribution to OCEANIUM please send a cover letter, current CV, and availability to oceaniumpeople@oceanium.co.uk. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.

At OCEANIUM, we recognise the value of a diverse team and we are committed to and encourage applications from people with varied experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds.

Reasonable adjustments are available to support candidates through the application and interview process. Please note all offers of employment are subject to continuous eligibility to work in the UK.