



The Australian Wine
Research Institute

Position Description

Title of Position: Project Technician – Biosciences, AWRI Commercial Services

Reporting to: Group Manager – Commercial Services

Term: 12 months in the first instance

Overview:

The Project Technician is responsible for the delivery of the AWRI's commercial offerings in the areas of microbiology and molecular biology. He or she is responsible for the execution of both field- and laboratory-based trials and microbiology-based audits of industry processes and systems. This position, under direction, will also assist in developing experimental designs, data interpretation, reporting and the development of new commercial protocols of value to the wine and beverage industries in the fields of molecular biology and microbiology.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science, or similar, with a focus on microbiology, molecular biology, wine science, or a related field.

Required experience:

- At least three years' experience in a research or laboratory environment.
- Experience in microbiology or molecular biology techniques.

Desired experience:

- Experience in, or knowledge of, the wine industry, particularly in the areas of microbiology or molecular biology.
- Experience in report writing and communicating with a broad range of customers and stakeholders.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. Exercise responsibility for technical execution of bioscience commercial projects under the direction of the Group Manager.
2. Actively contribute to experimental design, data interpretation and communication of project actions in accordance with operational requirements.
3. Coordinate project workload and resources to meet project timelines and deliverables within project budgets.

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4. Ensure quality project outcomes through strict adherence to project plans, project management systems and directions provided by the Group Manager, and robust and thorough evaluation of experimental data.
5. Provide high quality customer service and communication to customers and stakeholders.
6. In collaboration with the Group Manager, prepare quotations for new commercial bioscience projects.
7. As directed, exercise responsibility for laboratory work related to the development/validation of new bioscience commercial opportunities.
8. Undertake other duties as directed by the Group Manager or Managing Director.
9. Accept that all intellectual property, patents and discovery arising during the course of employment at the AWRI remain the property of the AWRI.
10. Promote the general well-being of the AWRI.

Person Specification:

1. Practical understanding of and experience in scientific research.
2. Ability to work and communicate successfully within a multi-disciplinary environment and across research and industry groups.
3. Ability to maintain effective working relationships and contribute positively in a team environment.
4. Superior oral and written communication skills.

Workplace Health and Safety Responsibilities:

Employees and students must take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety, and have responsibilities to:

1. Ensure that they do not increase the risk to the health, safety or welfare of others through any act or omission.
2. Obey reasonable instructions that are designed to protect their health, safety and welfare.
3. Use, in the appropriate manner, equipment that is provided to protect their health, safety or welfare.
4. Not wilfully interfere with, or misuse, items or facilities provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare of employees.
5. Ensure that they are not affected by alcohol or any other drug to such an extent that they endanger themselves or others.
6. Report promptly, any hazards, incidents or injuries to their Manager/Team Leader.