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| **Job Code:** LP060**Job Title:** Sensory Scientist**Reports to:** Sensory Management at NA site**Location:** Embedded Employee in North America | **Job Family:** Biofortis/Research Services**Scope of responsibility:** (*Global* / *Region / country / BU / Department / Service): Region – North America* |

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| **Purpose (Objective):** The incumbent will manage and execute sensory and consumer research studies to meet the client objectives by working within the sensory science team. They will leverage advanced sensory knowledge to design best-practice policies, conduct panels to support QA and R&D needs, and manage outsourced sensory projects. Study types may include descriptive, discrimination and quantitative consumer research studies.  |

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| **Main activities:** *describe the main activities and responsibilities which make the most direct contribution towards the fulfillment of the purpose of the position (10 max)** Lead and conduct single or multi stage projects, delivering to the required standards and agreed timescales, including designing research to meet client objectives, to produce good quality, actionable data, interpreting results, reporting/presenting findings, making recommendations and contributing to decision making. A wide range of sensory science methods may be employed including both qualitative and quantitative.
* Interface with clients to help determine their needs and how to apply sensory science to answer their research question. The clients will include persons from other sensory departments, marketing, quality, product development, and executives.
* Provide insight and support the panel recruitment process and helping to improve and expand the panel database.
* Apply statistical analysis to the data output from studies in order to interpret the results for the client.
* Support project set up and product preparation, when required.
* Provide informal coaching and share experience with more junior colleagues and technicians.
* Work to improve all aspects of the department, including functional methodologies, practical solutions and facilities and presenting these ideas in an appropriate way to management.
* Maintain and develop knowledge and expertise in relevant scientific disciplines.

***At any time, the incumbent must behave and operate in an ethical and Code of Conduct compliant manner****.* |

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| **Communication:** *The main contacts with whom the position holder is repeatedly in contact with*Internal Interlocutors: Sensory manager and colleagues within Mérieux NutriSciencesExternal Interlocutors: Marketing, R & D, and Quality Assurance leadership at specified client |

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| **Knowledge:**Profile (required education/qualification and professional background): Bachelors or Masters degree in Food Science/Sensory Science or related field with at least three years experience in a sensory lab setting or equivalent.Required skills: Strong knowledge of sensory methodologies and execution commensurate with a Masters degree education in sensory science. Ability to create and intstitute new policies and culture change within the R&D and marketing groups at the client. Strong interpersonal communication skills are critical in order to promote new policies and culture change and build professional relationships. Working knowledge of computers and Microsoft software products are essential for performing duties. Good organizational skills are essential to effectively carry out assigned tasks. This position must have a working knowledge of Microsoft programs in order to provide necessary information to company leaders and clients in various formats.  Management (Size and characteristics of the team(s)): Individual contributor that balances requirements from Merieux leadership as well as Client leadership as an embedded employee |

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| **Date of the last version** | **Incumbent** **signature and date** |
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