R&D Tree Crops Project Manager

“I want to create a better world and build a better business”

Nestlé R&D Center, Tours, France  Undefined period of time contract, act rate 100%

The R&D Center in Tours (France) is a hub for Plant Sciences and Technologies within Nestlé's R&D network. We develop knowledge about plants to understand how we can improve the quality or our raw materials and the sustainability of their production. We then apply this knowledge to develop tools and approaches for improving our products and the supply of our raw materials.

The Center is organized with three scientific departments Plant Molecular Biology, Plant Cell Biology & Breeding and Plant Chemistry & Functionality.

Demonstrating excellent communication skills and leadership capacities, you will be responsible for a portfolio of coffee or cocoa projects, aiming the development of new varieties with improved characteristics.

Key responsibilities

- Manage an integrated project portfolio of Nestlé Strategic crops, breeding and tree propagation with strong collaborative component
- Maintain and develop a global network of partners for experimental trials (internal and external partners)
- Handle and analyze breeding results in a timely manner
- Work in close collaboration with the molecular biology team on marker-assisted selection
- Prepare internal and external communication on projects according to the technical progress
- Interact efficiently with the business team to leverage the results in an impactful way
- Contribute to scientific communication material, patents, and peer-reviewed publications

Education and experience

- MSc degree in Agronomy or equivalent
- At least 3-4 years’ experience in breeding perennial crops (fruit growing trees)
- Strong knowledge in crop genetic improvement
- Knowledge of statistical tools (Access, SAS)
- Fluency in English and good knowledge of Spanish. French is considered an asset.
- Up to 30% travel required

Show us that you have a creative and collaborative mindset and you are able to propose new and innovative ideas. Your result focus, capacity to create relationships and build networks is what will set you apart among the other candidates. If you are dedicated to apply scientific knowledge and you want to make a difference to our performance, please apply in English at: www.nestle.com/jobs

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