

The UK Agri-Tech Centre

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Innovation Associate – Crop/Plant/Food production (Maternity Cover)
Reports to job title:	Head of Agri-Systems
Department	Innovation
Location:	Remote/Hybrid
Salary:	£32,000 - £35,000

About Us

The UK Agri-Tech Centre is a new organisation launched on 1 April 2024 and created from three of the original Agri-Tech centres.

Utilising our UK-wide assets, world-class facilities and expertise, our new organisation is a gateway for funding programmes, such as the Farming Innovation Programme and Horizon Europe, and provides benefits to the whole supply chain, the UK economy and beyond.

We strengthen the connections between science, business, and funders to accelerate research and development, tackling the industry's most critical challenges, such as climate change, labour availability, disease mitigation and environmental sustainability.

Job Purpose

This role is a maternity cover position with an expected duration of 10 months.

As an Innovation Associate, you will support innovation within Crop/Plant/Food production systems, working with a diverse range of members, clients, partners, and stakeholders.

Your role will involve identifying and developing new opportunities for innovation within agricultural production systems, supply chains, and the broader bio-based economy, contributing to relevant projects, activities, and programs within the organisation's innovation portfolio.

You will use your expertise to contribute to the advancement of resilient farming practices, food production systems, and non-food agricultural applications, assisting in the ideation, development and management of projects and activities within the organisation's research and innovation portfolio.

Main Duties

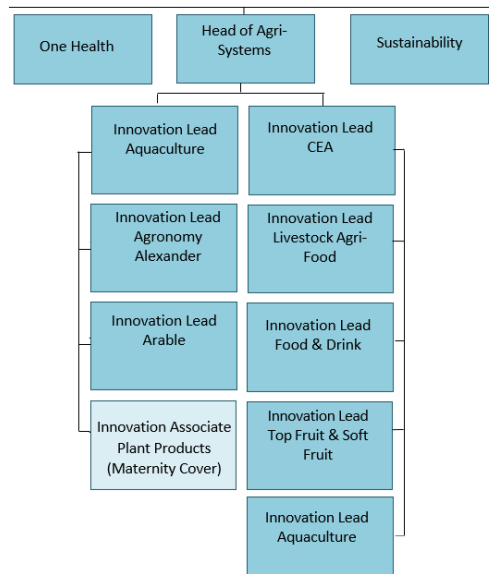
- Report to the Head of Agri-Systems and assist in delivering the overall objective of the UK-ATC
- Proactively research and engage with the sector to understand current opportunities and challenges.
- Pursue new opportunities with existing and potential clients.
- Support the building of consortia and bid/grant writing to contribute to the successful and growing CR&D portfolio at UK-ATC
- Provide technical support and expertise for the Innovation Team and wider organisation as required including ensuring projects are delivered on time and on budget

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- Support Thought Leadership reports, Open Innovation and Horizon Scanning Activities as required.
- Provide relevant documentation and reports internally – including assisting with internal reporting
- Participate in company training and skill enhancement program as needed
- Attend and represent UK-ATC at events as required.

Organisation Chart



Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- Graduate qualifications in a relevant discipline such as Agricultural Systems, Crop/Plant/Food Science, or Bioeconomy Innovation, with practical experience in these fields.
- Awareness off Agri-System issues, with depth and strength in crop/plant/food production.
- Experience working with both academic and industry partners.
- Experience in building consortia and grant/bid writing
- Experience in managing and delivering projects
- Experience in delivering workshops and seminars.
- An understanding of the R&D process, the Agri-Tech sector, and agri-business practices.
- Ability to engage and enthuse colleagues at all levels of the business, using a collaborative approach and excellent consultative skills
- A solid knowledge of statistics, research techniques, and experimental procedures, proven analytical skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including facilitation and presentation, able to translate technical information for non-technical audiences.
- Ability to work accurately to tight deadlines and on own initiative.

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Additional Information

Some travel will be required.

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To apply please follow this [link](#) and complete a short registration on our internal recruitment portal.