JOB POSTING
Sr Scientist, Palatability

Description
This position will provide support to Product Development with the development of palatability solutions for dry and wet forms of diet products. Product palatability covers the area of product taste and aesthetics.

- Support implementation of company's technology goal of palatability by development of palatability solutions for dry and wet products.
- Lead or participate in technical or cross functional project teams.
- Fundamental food science knowledge shall be applied for optimum functionality of the palatability solution in the product.
- Utilize nutrient standards to develop balanced formulas that incorporate the palatability solution.
- Interpret sensory and consumer data to develop products that meet pet palatability needs and pet owner or vet perceptions on product palatability
- Monitor competitor products to understand competitive strategies in the area of palatability.
- Utilize the principles of product stability for studies, and make recommendations for finished product shelf life.
- Conduct biological and feeding tests to ensure product acceptability with the pet.
- Partner with process engineers to leverage the application and utilization of the palatability solution in a manufacturing environment.
- Assist Product Development scientist in the development of ingredient specifications for taste enhancers and other ingredients that contribute to palatability.
- Document research findings in written reports.
Qualifications and Competencies

- BS/MS/PhD in food science or related field
- For BS/MS candidates, 6-10 years of relevant work experience in product development in the food industry
- PhD candidates, 5+ years of relevant work experience
- Demonstrated expertise in formula development, stability studies and establishment of ingredient and finished product specifications
- Experience in basic food unit operations and impact on product functionality
- Working knowledge of nutritional science preferred
- New grads welcome to apply

Job Location: Midwest US
Salary range: 70K to six figures with bonus program (based on experience level)
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