

Ananas Anam Job Vacancy

Job Title: Head of Product Development
Location: Canet de Mar, Barcelona, Spain
Starting date: ASAP
Salary: Commensurate to experience

About Piñatex

Piñatex® is an innovative natural textile made from pineapple leaf fibre. The uniqueness of Piñatex lies in its production from the natural by-product of existing agriculture which would otherwise be discarded or burned - no extra land, water or pesticides are required to produce the leaves that are used to create Piñatex. The creation of Piñatex provides an additional income stream to pineapple farming communities and is produced with high ethical standards to circular economy principles. Piñatex is a versatile, lightweight, and durable material, making it suitable for use across fashion and interior furnishings.

Developed through the research and development by Dr. Carmen Hijosa, Piñatex has been sold in the commercial market since 2016. To date, Piñatex has been adopted by the likes of fashion powerhouses Hugo Boss, H&M and Nike, as well as the core material within the world's first vegan hotel suite at the Hilton Hotel, London.

About Ananas Anam

Ananas Anam manufactures and sells Piñatex. The company is orientated to ethical and responsible business practice. Ananas Anam meets the challenges of our times by developing products in which commercial success is integrated with, and promotes, social and cultural development.

Ananas Anam is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, disability, national or ethnic origin, military service status, citizenship, or other non-merit factors.

Role Summary:

- Full-time job located at Ananas Anam manufacturing plant in Canet, Spain.
- Responsible for the implementation and management of all on-going R&D of the Piñatex products and new product developments, from R&D, prototyping stage, to production proof of concept, including all technical data.
- In this role you will be working primarily with the Founder on product development, and innovation. You will also work with the Head of Research and Sustainability on process efficiency, certification requirements and material performance, as well as the Product Manager for Piñayarn and our manufacturing partners.

Responsibilities:

- Project leader to integrate the material onto the automotive market in collaboration with a Tier 1 company.
- Product management and development
 - Quality control and characterisation
 - Review, assess and control product requirements
 - Co-develop products with specific partners in the fields of fashion, footwear and interior design in addition to the automotive industry.
 - Communicate and present products to key clients

- Communicate and work with the team to ensure high standards
- Ensure the company is abreast on market trends in product innovation

Desired Attributes:

- Textile knowledge and experience, including the automotive industry
- Practical knowledge in research and development, prototyping and production
- Knowledge of market standards and regulations
- Knowledge of natural fibres
- Understanding supply chain systems
- Understanding the concept of sustainability and traceability
- Organisational and presentation skills
- Ability to collect and to analyse data related to textiles and related technology
- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Driving licence B

Experience:

- Material or textile technology/design/engineer
- 5- 10 years of experience in the automotive materials sector
- Experience of working on material performance and finishing technologies at sampling and prototype stages
- Experience in research, development, and prototyping to production
- Experience in the area of cellulosic and natural fibres
- Experience of undertaking R&D with external collaborators, design of experiments and data analysis
- Experience in circularity, textiles, and/or materials development
- Experience in textile technology, textile trends and scientific advances

Location:

- The location will be based at Ananas Anam in Canet del Mar (Barcelona), Spain, and occasional travelling to our manufacturing partners in different countries and geographies.

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