

Tropic Biosciences™ | Biotech Project Manager Job Description

Who we are

Tropic Biosciences develops high-performing commercial varieties of tropical crops, namely coffee and banana. These multi-billion dollar crops play a critical role in supporting global nutrition and trade but face intensifying disease and supply-chain challenges. We are working to solve these challenges through innovative non-transgenic genetic approaches that include broadly available genome editing technologies. Tropic has also developed a suite of its own molecular tools and is enabling access to some of these proprietary tools, via licensing agreements, to a select group of industry and academic collaborators that are working in crops outside of Tropic's core focus.

Based in Norwich (UK), Tropic is a fast-growing team of 30 experienced professionals that operates under the guidance of a world leading advisory board which includes the former Heads of R&D for both Nestlé (Dr. Pétiard) and Syngenta (Dr. Lawrence). As we rapidly scale our operations and engage in global commercial activities, we seek to hire exceptional professionals who will support our long-term goals of transforming the massive tropical agriculture industry.

What we are looking for

We are seeking an experienced Project Manager to fulfil this newly created role within our commercial team. You will be responsible for championing projects with collaborators who have licensed our proprietary tools and you will be involved in the projects at all phases of the pipeline from initial discussions, through project design, agreement and delivery of commitments. The successful candidate will ensure that Tropic's commitments to collaborative projects are met in full so that projects run smoothly through commercialisation. Key responsibilities held by this function will include:

- Liaising with customers, pre-agreement, to define a project workplan and resource allocation.
- Updating Tropic's R&D team on planned projects, agreeing on feasible timelines for delivery.
- Communicating closely with Tropic's team and customer team, updating parties on progress and bottlenecks.
- Leading quarterly data-sharing meetings ensuring that data are shared to support each parties' needs.
- Delivering Tropic's commitments to customer, via concise presentations.
- Working closely with Tropic's inhouse IP function to drive filing of trait patents.

Desired Skills and Experience

- Advanced degree in relevant scientific subject (e.g. Molecular Biology or Genetics).
- 3+ years' experience in project/product management in the life-sciences or agribusiness sectors.
- Proven experience in collaborating with development teams to accomplish defined goals in a timely manner.
- Team player with excellent communication skills.
- Strategic orientation and ability to work with sophisticated fortune 500 clients.

Additional information

- **Job Location** – Norwich Research Park, Innovation Centre (adjacent to the John Innes Centre), Norwich, England
- **Time Requirement** – Full time position
- **Job start date** – May 2019 or earlier
- **Compensation** – We offer a competitive compensation package to successful candidates

Application instructions

If you meet the above criteria, we would be happy to hear from you. Please send your C.V and covering letter to jack@tropicbioscience.com and gilad@tropicbioscience.com , quoting the job title in the subject line of your email.