The Microfibre Consortium*
*Founded by the Outdoor Industry, executing within Outdoor, Sport, Fashion and Home

Technical Specialist

Are you a self-driven technical textiles professional looking to join a passionate and engaging team? The Microfibre Consortium (TMC) are looking for a part-time Technical Specialist to join our expanding team (home working- UK and Europe applicants only), where the successful applicant will play a vital role as a senior manager within our team.

TMC is an SME company operating as a non-profit within the clothing industry. The company facilitates the development of practical solutions for the textile industry to minimise fibre fragmentation to the environment from textile manufacturing and product life cycle. We are the only company 100% focused to managing fibre fragmentation and release from textiles to the environment and are the go-to organisation on this topic internationally. We operate as a membership organisation and our membership scope is international.

The Technical Specialist role reports directly into the Managing Director and is responsible for managing the technical aspects of TMC across a diverse range of stakeholders. This is a part-time role, with salary negotiable and hours of ~15 hours per week.

The main responsibilities for the Technical Specialist role include but are not limited to:

- Assisting upper management in supporting company growth and achieving the company mission
- Collation and evaluation of data from multiple stakeholders and generate industry statements on this
- Identification of risks and opportunities for both TMC and its members based on data and the associated implications
- Review and critical evaluation of multiple sources of (sometimes multidisciplinary) information, including academic literature as well as industry reports
- Strategically scoping of potential new projects and areas of research
- Engagement with various stakeholders to ensure that business direction is in line with global policy development
- Ensuring integrity during refinement of TMC developed test method
- Preparation of budgets, time plans, and other organisational reports as needed

The key skills and experience for the Technical Specialist role include but are not limited to:

- A higher degree (MSc/PhD) in a technical textiles/materials science related discipline and demonstrable research experience
- 5+ years industry experience, including work with the supply base
- Strong data analysis skills
- Ability to translate technical data into easily understandable outputs
- Strong attention to detail and ability to critically evaluate published literature
- Knowledge of test method development and related processes
- Awareness of policy making processes
- Strong project management skills
- Excellent written / verbal communication skills
- Proven experience of virtual working
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to manage multiple workloads

If you have a high technical knowledge of textiles and materials including the relationship between textile processing and resultant performance, are able to understand and evaluate data and apply the findings to the long-term health of the business, and have a good attention to detail and are able to compare critically appraise research, please apply for this Technical Specialist role as soon as possible by contacting us for a full job description and application instructions. Closing date for applications is 31st May 2020.