

## Patent Attorney

(40 hours per week)

Danone Research – Centre for Specialised Nutrition is a state-of-the-art life sciences innovation centre for the development of new product concepts for Baby Nutrition and Medical Nutrition. We create formulas that provide clinically substantiated health benefits to vulnerable consumers – infants, toddlers, elderly and patients. Our products are marketed under the brand names Nutricia, Milupa, SHS and Blédina, amongst others. Capitalising on our numerous international preclinical and clinical collaborations, we aim to identify new nutritional intervention opportunities and develop innovative product forms. Danone has R&D facilities worldwide, with major centres in The Netherlands (Wageningen, Zoetermeer and Cuijk), France (Palaiseau), Germany (Friedrichsdorf) and UK (Liverpool). The centre in The Netherlands will move to Utrecht in 2012.

Danone Research is searching for a Patent Attorney dedicated to Danone Medical Nutrition projects.

### Job description

The Patent Attorney is responsible for the approval of ingredients used for liquid and powder, highly innovative, Medical Nutrition products. To handle drafting and filing of patent applications, and directly responsible for all aspects of prosecution of the patent portfolio in their area of accountability. The appointee will also be required to provide an effective advisory service to those businesses in their sector of accountability, as regards to freedom to operate and the validity and/or the likelihood of infringement of Danone's own or third-party patents. The role will suit someone with sound commercial awareness and a constructive and diplomatic approach.

### Job requirements

- Possess a solid scientific background, preferably related to Food, Biology, Biochemistry or Biotechnology.
- Be a qualified European Patent Attorney.
- Be able to demonstrate a broad range of professional experience in European prosecution, opposition and appeal work and a strong commitment to quality.
- Preferably be from an industrial/commercial background; however candidates from private practice with the relevant experience will also be considered.
- Be prepared to travel as and when the occasion demands.
- Be fluent in English, both verbally and in the written word.
- Be able to work to high quality standards both independently and as part of a team.

### Managerial Competencies and Personal Skills

- Have the intellect and professional experience to operate without daily direction.
- Be able to demonstrate a commercial approach to their work and an understanding of the needs of the business.
- Display leadership qualities, combined with genuine team playing abilities.
- Have the right gravitas to deal with internal clients.
- Provide support and advice to other team members on IP and patent issues.
- Be highly motivated, with the ability to pro-actively organise a challenging workload.
- Be focused with an attention to detail balanced by sound common sense.
- Be able to adopt a strategic approach at all times.

### Offer

We offer you a challenging job in an innovative multinational company, with all career prospects, training and personal development, with an open and dynamic atmosphere.

### Apply

For more information about the vacancy, please contact Frederik te Hennepe (Director Patents Platform) on + 31(0)317 467800. For application please register and apply (via [www.danone.com](http://www.danone.com)).