

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Senior Nutrition Scientist	Date of JD	June 2026
Reporting to	Director, Food Systems Transformation	Job family	Executive
Line reports	None		
Scope and Objectives			
<p>The British Nutrition Foundation exists to promote health and wellbeing and prevent diet-related ill health through evidence-based nutrition science. Our vision is that everyone can access healthy, sustainable diets, and we contribute to this by translating evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways.</p> <p>The Food Systems Transformation Team is critical to the delivery of our influence on the food environment and the British Nutrition Foundation’s charitable objectives and impact.</p>			
Responsibilities			
<p>The purpose of this role is to support the delivery of projects with BNF member companies, driving the practical application of nutrition science to current challenges in the food industry and supporting change and impact in the food environment.</p> <p>Key accountabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence-based consultancy: Provide strategic advice to food companies on nutrition strategy, developments in nutrition science, regulatory compliance, and health claims. ▪ Project delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and deliver nutrition-focussed projects for BNF corporate members, such as reformulation strategies, nutrient profiling, training and sustainability initiatives, to challenge the status quo in the food environment, positively drive change and facilitate healthier, more sustainable food choices. - Manage projects to agreed timelines and budgets, ensuring high-quality outputs. - Conduct scientific reviews to support project work, ensuring that activities are informed by the latest scientific evidence. ▪ Research and analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct literature reviews and synthesize emerging evidence to inform industry decisions. - Identify gaps in the evidence base and propose research collaborations to address them. ▪ Communication and thought leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop scientific content for reports, toolkits, and training resources. - Represent the Foundation at industry meetings, conferences, and stakeholder events and speak confidently on behalf of the Foundation, influencing debate with clear, science-led insights and promoting evidence-based solutions. - Create thought pieces to position the organisation as a trusted authority on nutrition and food systems and showcasing our breadth of industry knowledge and insight. 			

OUR VALUES

The values of the British Nutrition Foundation are Purpose, Integrity, Confidence, Connection and Openness. We expect all colleagues to seek to demonstrate these values and to promote them widely in their work and behaviours.

We have a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion set out in our EDI Strategy, and welcome applications from groups who are currently under-represented in our organisation.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Education and / or Experience

- Degree or equivalent in relevant subject (food science, human nutrition, or dietetics).
- Registered Nutritionist or Dietitian.

Essential Criteria

- At least 5 years' experience in a food industry role.
- Analytical with a passion for the application of research evidence to real-world solutions.
- Excellent relationship-building skills, with a strong commitment to working in partnership with others and at pace. Credible and confident working with food industry professionals, often at a senior level.
- Excellent understanding of current issues in the UK food industry and the regulatory food landscape.
- Strong project design and management skills. Track record of on-time, to budget project delivery.
- Excellent speaking, written, interpersonal and communication skills, including an ability to engage different audiences.
- Confident and resilient. Able to adapt to change.
- Ability to assess priorities and manage competing deadlines both independently and as a member of a wider team.
- A strong scientist with a strong and demonstrable commitment to scientific rigour, upholding the integrity of all of our outputs and to the independence of the Foundation's information and advice.
- The British Nutrition Foundation is a small organisation, a willingness to be hands-on is essential.

Desirable (non-essential) Criteria

- An MSc or PhD in a related field is desirable.

Special features of the role

- Occasional travel within the UK may be required to meet with Corporate Members.
- This role allows for hybrid working, with a minimum of 2 days/week at our lovely office in central London. Must live within 2 hours of central London.

The British Nutrition Foundation is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. It is essential that the post holder is committed to making a positive contribution to their promotion and implementation in all aspects of this role.

N.B. This job description summarises the key features of the role, it is not intended to be a detailed description and does not cover all the duties that the job holder may reasonably be expected to fulfil.