

Please see below brief details of five posts offered by the SRUC Dairy Research & Innovation Centre as part of the exciting new £21.3 million Strength in Places project “Digital Dairy Value Chain for South-West Scotland and Cumbria”.

Further details can be obtained at: <https://www.sruc.ac.uk/connect/jobs/list-of-vacancies/>

Research Fellow – Data Science (THREE POSTS) - Dumfries

Type: Fixed term 4 years / full time

Salary: £37,877 - £41,631 per annum (under review)

Location: SRUC Barony Campus, Dumfries (Location Flexible)

REF: ASWF/AGR/007/22

Closing Date: 21 August 2022

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Based in SRUC’s Dairy Research & Innovation Centre in Dumfries and working with a wide range of project partners and stakeholders across South-West Scotland and Cumbria, the purpose of this post is to develop data driven R&D projects as part of the exciting new Strength in Places Project “Digital Dairy Value-Chain for SW Scotland and Cumbria.” SRUC is leading this 5-year, £21.3 million project along with academic and industry partners.

In this role you will work closely with existing and new data from SRUC’s dairy farm, as well as with partner data from commercial dairy farms, milk analysis from farms, bulk milk transport and milk processing factories in the region. You will have a proven track record as an independent scientist with substantial experience in modern data science techniques. There will be close collaboration with data scientists employed by other project partners.

See also: <https://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/CRY541/research-fellow-data-science>

Maker Space Coordinator– Dumfries

Type: Fixed term 4.5 years / full time

Salary: £43,376 - £50,519 per annum (under review)

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You will work closely with staff of Appleby Creamery (Cows & Co) and Ayrshire Economic Forum, as well as a range of food processing businesses within the region. This will involve identifying and working to develop ideas and options with companies that would benefit from using Maker Space facilities for new product development and scaling up of production. The role will cover dairy products and the use of dairy as an ingredient in other foods and will also involve signposting other support available to expanding businesses.

You will be responsible for liaising with food processing industry stakeholders at a senior level, identifying their needs and aligning those with the development and operation of "Make Spaces" in Appleby and Kilmarnock. Contacts will include entrepreneurs, micro-businesses, SMEs and larger food and drink businesses across South-West Scotland and Cumbria.

Innovation Broker Digital Dairy Chain – Dumfries

Type: Fixed term 4.5 years / full time

Salary: £39,387 - £45,883 per annum (under review)

Location: SRUC Barony Campus, Dumfries (Location Flexible)

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In this role, you will drive industry engagement and support businesses from across the region to access funding, knowledge, R&D facilities, and expertise from the host institutions with the aim of increasing industrial engagement in R&D activity. Engaging as an independent knowledge exchange professional in individual and collaborative knowledge exchange projects, establishing a distinctive programme of area of knowledge exchange and generating interest through engagement with industry and professional bodies. Identifying companies who could benefit from working with DDC and accessing the research and facilities.

A key focus of the Innovation Broker, is to facilitate cross-over between the technology and dairy sectors by, approaching and developing relationships with the companies to identify specific project opportunities and then determine how these can be funded – directly by the company or by seeking R&D/Innovation funding, either singly or in collaboration with other industrial partners, utilising their understanding of economic development agencies and landscape. You will be responsible for managing and researching a portfolio of companies, understanding their business and potential customer base relevance, and identifying opportunities for development and growth, ensuring companies are advised appropriately to maximise development and growth opportunities.