



R &D Specialist - Fabulous Opportunity in Pittsburgh!

Do you love chocolate? Chris Candies, Inc. is a contract manufacturer of chocolate for national brands as well as unique, specialty chocolatiers. We use state-of-the-art equipment to produce: gourmet milk chocolate bars, probiotic single servings, premium organic dark chocolate and holiday favorites. Chris Candies has also been certified under the following: SQF, Organic, Kosher & Gluten-Free.

We have been in business in Pittsburgh for over 70 years and were bought last year by **Cémoi**, the largest chocolate manufacturer in France.

Job Responsibilities: The R & D specialist works closely with customers, internal operations, and suppliers to develop new products and modify existing ones, managing projects to completion.

Key tasks:

- Generate new product ideas and improvements on existing products, working directly with customers and Chris Candies key stakeholders
- Making samples to customer specifications & formulations, preparing documentation and shipments
- Sourcing ingredients such as: nuts, fruit pieces, sugars, spices, flavorings
- Developing products that can be made in compliance with the facility's HACCP/Food Safety Programs
- Communicating with scheduling and operations teams to coordinate trial runs and timelines for production

Skills:

- Degree in Food Science or related field
- Knowledge of chocolate formulations: couverture types (milk vs. dark), % of cocoa solids, sweeteners, and processing techniques
- Understanding the basics of chocolate manufacturing – roasting, refining, conching, and cocoa butter and powder pressing
- Understanding Chocolate rheology (tempering, crystallization, demoulding, blooming) and chocolate shelf life
- Ability to work on multiple projects at a time, follow-through with tasks and meet deadline
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

We offer competitive salary and excellent benefits package to include generous 401k match.

Please contact: Lori Cipkins, HR Manager: lori.cipkins@chriscandies.com with resume