



Head of Microbial Manufacturing Optimization and Strategy

Job Description Summary

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Today, Lonza is a global leader in life sciences operating across three continents. While we work in science, there's no magic formula to how we do it. Our greatest scientific solution is talented people working together, devising ideas that help businesses to help people. In exchange, we let our people own their careers. Their ideas, big and small, genuinely improve the world. And that's the kind of work we want to be part of.

The site in Visp is growing and for [Ibex™ Solutions](#), our recently launched unique biological manufacturing and development concept in [Visp, Switzerland](#), we are currently looking for Head of Microbial Manufacturing Optimization and Strategy who is responsible to deliver financial benefits from an operations perspective in driving productivity improvement projects which will lower operations cost and/or improve production output volume resulting in an increased gross profit of the asset/site. He/she directs and manages 2 teams members on different Microbial Assets Process Optimization

Key responsibilities:

- He/She will be accountable to identify both short and mid-term optimization potentials, build business cases and execute the identified optimizations projects to improve the company's gross profit generation. These activities include the optimization of existing manufacturing processes, scale-up, technology transfer and implementation for all next generation processes & technologies as well as the technical support of our global tolling manufacturers. In this role, he/she will lead the Operational Excellence topics and use these as levers to achieve his goals.
- Overseeing all productivity improvement projects implementation, status and monthly saving report.
- Support the Head of Microbial Ops to develop and implement the mid- and long-term strategy: yearly X-matrix in collaboration with OE, roadmap, Site Master Plan
- Manage the overall governance of the Visp Biologics Ops LT (Hoshin process, Councils, performance reviews)
- Identify issues and challenges early on and able to handle them with care and empathy Owns business strategy on FTE and hiring plans based on guidance and input by Head of Ops

Key requirements:

- Master or PhD degree in Biotechnology or other relevant areas
- Extensive experience in a leading a large Biopharma / Microbial manufacturing organization, minimum 10 years in leadership role
- Lean Six Sigma Black Belt
- In depth knowledge of pharmaceutical manufacturing of large molecules, recognized expert in the area of GMP, safe work environment leadership, delivery of RFT, and leadership and development of leadership teams delivering progressive continuous improvement in a multi-layered organization
- As the ultimate face of Lonza to Microbial customers, ability to positively connect and build trustful relationships in a manner that these external individuals are excited and inspired.
- Strong understanding of evolving technologies that would be relevant to the Ibex™ site.
- Fluent in English, German will be an advantage

Every day, Lonza's products and services have a positive impact on millions of people. For us, this is not only a great privilege, but also a great responsibility. How we achieve our business results is just as important as the achievements themselves. At Lonza, we respect and protect our people and our environment. Any success we achieve is no success at all if not achieved ethically.

People come to Lonza for the challenge and creativity of solving complex problems and developing new ideas in life sciences. In return, we offer the satisfaction that comes with improving lives all around the world. The satisfaction that comes with making a meaningful difference.