

# Science and Technology Manager: job brochure

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# Welcome to The Good Food Institute Europe!

"I'm delighted that you are interested in working with The Good Food Institute Europe! We are an international NGO helping to build a more sustainable, healthy and just food system by transforming meat production.

"I hope this brochure brings our work to life, and tells you more about what you will be doing in the role of SciTech Manager. We are looking for an amazing person to help drive our mission forward, and we're really looking forward to hearing from you! Good luck!"

Richard Parr MBE, Managing Director, GFI Europe.

[\(Link to the full job description here\)](#)



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GFI Europe's mission:  
To build a better food system for people, animals and the planet



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# The challenge

Conventional animal agriculture is a significant contributor to the world's most pressing problems:



## Global food insecurity

Growing crops to feed them to farm animals is inherently inefficient, driving up the price of grains and legumes and entrenching global poverty.



## Environmental degradation

Conventional animal agriculture is a top contributor to climate change, water depletion and pollution, rainforest destruction and loss of biodiversity.



## Antibiotic resistance

The vast majority of antibiotics used are administered to farm animals. This is accelerating the evolution of antibiotic-resistant bacteria – undermining the effectiveness of lifesaving drugs.



## Needless Suffering

Conventional animal agriculture subjects animals to extreme confinement, trauma and painful mutilations.

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# The solution: transforming meat production



All the components of animal meat – sourced directly from plants.



Meat produced from a small sample of animal cells grown outside of the animal – made without antibiotics, fecal contamination or slaughter.



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## Our theory of change

People from all walks of life want our food system to be sustainable, healthy, safe and just.

But studies consistently show that the deciding factors for what most people eat are taste, price and convenience.

So at the Good Food Institute Europe, we're advancing plant-based and cultivated meat, eggs, dairy and seafood, to make them as delicious, affordable and accessible as conventional animal products. We believe that making meat from plants and growing it from animal cells are fundamental to addressing climate change, improving public health and reducing animal suffering.

We're working to make these better, more sustainable options the default choice across Europe.

# Our focus areas



## Science and Technology

- ⇒ Encouraging the brightest scientists to work on alternative proteins



## Innovation

- ⇒ Spurring the creation of new alternative protein companies



## Corporate Engagement

- ⇒ Encouraging food companies to embrace alternative proteins



## Policy

- ⇒ Building a supportive policy environment for alternative proteins



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# GFI Europe Science and Technology

## Mobilising scientists and funding to build a sustainable food system

The challenge: plant-based, cultivated and fermentation-derived meat, eggs, dairy and seafood are relatively new technologies and need improved funding, expertise and networks of scientists to thrive.

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GFI Europe action: inspiring and supporting scientific and technological innovators, and mobilising funding for open-access research.

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Impact: Plant-based and cultivated meat succeed across Europe, contributing to a more sustainable, healthy and just food system.

(See pages 8-9 on [GFI's 2019 Year in Review](#) and our global [Strategic Plan](#) for more info)



# Meet our team!



Richard Parr MBE is the Managing Director of GFI Europe, based in the UK. He worked as Special Adviser to the UK Prime Minister between 2012 and 2016, and as Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for International Development from 2010-12 and 2016-18. In government, his main focus was on international development policy, and he worked closely on the formation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Alex Mayers, our Head of Operations, comes from a background in animal welfare, project management and organisational development. Based in the UK, he runs our European operations including finance, HR, recruitment and compliance.



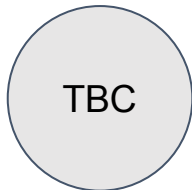
Acacia Smith, Policy Manager, works at the EU level in Brussels. Her background is in European environmental policy, international development in the European Commission, and she has worked with New Zealand's Mission to the EU.



Sophie Armour, our Communications Manager, has extensive experience communicating with audiences in the academic, political and NGO sectors. She most recently led on media relations at Sheffield University's Institute for Sustainable Food.



Alex Holst has been pioneering our EU policy work as Policy Manager, based in Brussels. He brings experience from working on climate change and international development, and from policy advocacy in Brussels.



Corporate Engagement Manager:  
*(We are finalising the recruitment of this position, and we can't wait for our new colleague to start in early 2021!)*



Elena Walden, Policy Manager, is based in Brussels. Her background and policy experience includes political and NGO roles in London, Paris and Brussels, and she has extensive experience in both the UK and European Parliaments.

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# Application Process:

We are looking for amazing people who believe in our mission and who have the skills and drive to achieve incredible things. This is how we find them:

- Applicants upload their CV and cover letter via the [application form here](#).
- Longlisted candidates are invited to complete a short timed assignment.
- Next, shortlisted candidates are invited to complete a short written assignment.
- Candidates are invited to a first interview with the team by video.
- Final interviews.

Dates and times of timed assignments and video calls can be arranged to fit around your commitments. The dates of the final interviews are still to be confirmed.

[The job description with full details of the role is here](#). We can't wait to hear from you!



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## Join Us!

Many thanks for your interest! If you'd like to find out more, please reach out to us at: [europe@gfi.org](mailto:europe@gfi.org)

Thank you! – The GFI Europe Team



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