Tokyo Gardens Catering, LLC (TGC) is a Houston-based company providing full-service sushi and Asian food operations in retail stores, universities and corporate offices nationwide for over 20 years. Our company is growing rapidly, and every team member plays a key role in that growth. Our success is driven by delivering real results for our clients. It's also enabled by our culture, which supports personal growth and development, embraces an inclusive work culture, and rewards innovation and excellence.

Our company is expanding rapidly and is seeking for a talented **R&D Specialist** who has passion and is eager to learn about the grocery retail industry. This position is critical in building and maintaining strong business relationships with our clients. You will be involved in every step of the product development process from ideation to getting the products on retail shelves. A strong candidate will have the ability to embrace change and thrive in a fast-paced environment, take pride and ownership of their own work, pay attention to detail, and always take extra steps to make sure everything is done correctly. Your dedication and hard work will be rewarded with competitive compensation and opportunities for career growth.

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**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

Nutrition & Labeling Projects

* Assist with developing and maintaining food labeling information for finished products (e.g. allergens, nutrition, ingredient statements, product name, price, barcode, etc.)
* Update nutritional database and corresponding ingredient specification information using Genesis software
* Assist with submitting required documentation to clients and ensuring project deadlines are met in a timely manner
* Anticipates regulatory/ labeling issues and works with suppliers, clients, and supervisors to clarify and resolve these issues
* Supports implementation of department processes, standards and projects in a timely manner

Research & Development Projects

* Research current Asian food trends across the world; document, organize and share new ideations to the team
* Work closely with culinary team in the product development process
* Create effective and neat visual training content (SOP) that can be scaled across hundreds of store locations
* Understand clients’ needs and prepare effective PowerPoint presentation for meetings
* Communicate with suppliers directly to source new ingredients or refine current ingredient formulation

**Qualifications:**

* Bachelor's degree in Food Science, Nutrition or related field
* 2-3 years of industry experience in the grocery retail business or food service
* Basic understanding of product commercialization process from product design to manufacturing
* Proficient user of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat, Google Drive, and Gmail
* Excellent communicator verbally and in writing
* Working knowledge of ESHA Genesis or other nutritional development software is a plus

**Benefits:**

* Paid vacation and personal time off
* 401k plan with company match
* Annual bonus / Incentives
* Fully paid health benefits for employee (Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, Short-term disability insurance)
* Cell phone and laptop are provided

**Additional Information:**

* Work location:  Houston HQ office, with up to 10% travel by car or plane
* Job Type: Full time Salaried Position
* COVID-19 update: Company has applied and implemented every safety measurement to provide a safer working environment.

Tokyo Gardens Catering, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, status as a protected veteran, status as an individual with a disability, or other applicable legally protected characteristics.