



AFRIKA KOMMT! 2026-2028

An Initiative of German Industry for Future Leaders from Africa

Overall remarks: AFRIKA KOMMT! is a [fellowship position](#) in Germany in which, alongside making meaningful contributions, the primary focus is on your professional development and learning.

Fellowship Profile:

Fellow in Strategic Product Management Data & Digital (Biosafety Testing Services) (m/f/d)

Company:Merck Life Science KGaA ID: AK15_ME_05	Merck Life Science – Contract Testing Services business (Bioreliance)	
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Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science, Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Biology, Chemistry, or a related Life Sciences field• Candidates with a Business, Economics, or Analytics degree combined with experience in the life sciences or biotech industry are also welcome
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Professional Experience:	Compulsory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-5 years of experience in product management, portfolio management, strategy, or commercial/marketing roles within life sciences or biotechnology• Strong analytical skills with the ability to translate data and insights into clear business recommendations• Experience in building business cases, developing marketing strategies, and performing financial or commercial assessments Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience scoping or launching a new product or service offering, including end-to-end concept development through go-to-market <p>This fellowship is designed for high-potential professionals seeking to grow into strategic product or innovation roles through structured learning, mentoring, and hands-on project work.</p>
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Maximum years' experience needed:	Graduate / work experience 2 – 5y	Or other:
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Additional Qualifications	Compulsory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent communication and collaboration skills, with a proven ability to work effectively in cross-functional and global teams• Structured thinker with the ability to operate in ambiguous, exploratory environments Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience working with data-driven or digital offerings in a regulated industry• Familiarity with compliance, data privacy, or competition-law considerations in commercial contexts
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Country Focus:	All African nationalities
Division / Location / Department:	Division: Contract Testing Services (Bioreliance) – Advances Solutions at Merck Life Science Location: Darmstadt, Germany Department: Global Franchises Team within Portfolio Management and Innovation
Planned Tasks & Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope and define potential new digital and data-enabled service offerings for the CTS business Conduct market and customer research (including VOC) to identify unmet needs, trends, and competitive positioning Develop business cases, pricing concepts, and financial assessments to evaluate commercial viability Define preliminary go-to-market concepts, including value propositions, target customers, and marketing tactics Collaborate with Legal, Compliance, IT, and Commercial teams to assess feasibility and boundary conditions
Remarks:	We are looking forward to welcoming a colleague with a creative and analytical mindset, a strong work ethic, and a collaborative spirit - someone who enjoys tackling complex problems, working with diverse teams, and having fun while building meaningful impact.