




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)

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| 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: | <p>Compulsory:</p> <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 <p>Desirable:</p> <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 | <p>Compulsory:</p> <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 <p>Desirable:</p> <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. |