

**Food & Retail Focus Area Lead at Kickstart Innovation -
4-6 months Maternity Cover (August/September - January/February), 60-80%**

We are passionate about collaboration! In the industries of Food, Finance, Education, Health and Smart City, we uniquely bring together Switzerland's most reputable and forward-thinking corporations, cities, foundations and universities with global tech startups. Since 2016 we enabled 170+ concrete projects and over 100 partnerships for joint activities through our annual open innovation platform.

Opportunity

We are looking for a passionate person to run and develop the Food & Retail Tech Focus Area. Your focus will be to implement the vision amongst partner and startup communities. An integral part of your role is innovation scoping with partners, startup scouting and selection, and innovation partnership facilitation during the intense program phase Sept-Nov.

- Moderate and guide strategic innovation partnership activities such as Proof of Concepts (PoC), pilot projects and commercial projects between partners and startups
- Act as the main point of contact for partners and startups in Food & Retail Tech as well as for Kickstart Team
- Structure and lead organizational program tasks with team of program managers
- Design and facilitate workshops and events with our institutional partners, startups and further ecosystem during the program phase
- Develop the Food & Retail Tech ecosystem further (outreach activities for 2022)
- Lead fundraising activities for Food & Retail Tech as well as business development activities for 2022

We are looking for an experienced focus area lead with proven program and industry experience. You have a minimum of five years working for a startup, in technology consulting or corporate innovation and an established network in the Food & Retail Tech and/or innovation technology industry.

You are also

- a hands-on organized and structured self-starter willing to take risks
- an empathetic team player with the ability to build connections quickly
- adaptable to different environments whether moderating a boardroom session or generate ideas in a buzzing co-working space
- fluent in English. German and/or French is a strong plus

Our offer

- The opportunity to shape Switzerland as a home for innovation with a purpose
- To collaborate and work alongside pioneers from Swiss industry, government, academia, foundations and global tech startups
- Be part of a fast-growing and dedicated team that is united around our mission
- Multiple opportunities and the chance to develop your career with Kickstart
- Flexible working location and schedule (main office is located in Zurich in a trendy coworking space)
- Transparent company pay structure, flat team structure and wider benefit scheme

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