# CUSTOMER SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIST

The person will be in either customer support in a food company or working for a consultancy rather than a manufacturer. If the role is pure NPD customer support then the profile may be more aligned to a NPD, Development or Process Technologist profile.

Please note for this role, the data set is small and thus more limited in reliability

### KEY FEATURES

## **Typical Role Names**

- Customer Support Technologist
- Consultant Technologist
- 'Consultant' or 'Customer' in the Role Title

#### So What is Desirable for a Customer Support Technologist?

There are standards for the technical content of Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. **14 typical graduate roles types** have been identified & this is one of them. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable skills, knowledge and behaviours for this role. They are outlined in **8 themes** then more detail is provided on specific **elements**. Below is the profile for this role.

#### Desirable Themes for this Role

<b>D8</b>	The Business	Appreciation of systems and drivers that	D3	Data, Numbers and	The ability to embrace information of all
	World	produce successful operational performance		Communications	types, then use it and disseminate to best
		and profit.			advantage.
		(this role has the highest association with D8)			
D5	Working Well with	Using a variety of styles for effectiveness and	D1	Positivity	Having the behaviours that drive success and
		synergy in your relationships and activities			wellbeing in the workplace.
		with others.			

#### Desirable Elements for this Role

Acceptance of Ambiguity
Commercial Awareness
Confidence
English Proficiency
Listening
Negotiation and Influencing
Networking & Relationship Building

Planning and Organising Positive Attitude Reliability Resilience Resourcefulness Self-Motivated Verbal Communication

# Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Find out about more technical graduate roles in the food industry and what may be best suited to you in developing your career on (web link to be added in near future)



This material has been developed with full food and drink industry involvement to support new graduates, employers and degree educators.

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