in Reaching for the Stars
The Degree is only the First Step
Academia

Government

Industry

Chemical

Forensic

Medical/Pharmaceutical

Consumer Products
Bench Scientist

- Science and art involved in creating products
- Influencing others within R&D and manufacturing
- Project management
- Communication – reports and documentations
- Understanding the business rationale
Team Leader/Manager

- Member of cross-functional teams
- Develop new product strategies
- Administrative role – defining and managing project budgets, managing others
- Communication – championing the project and science behind it
- Focus on understanding consumer insights and identifying technology to meet those needs
Director

- Directing others
- Aligning across the organization
- Continuous expansion of your role
- Moving outside of your comfort zone
- Expanding financial and marketing knowledge
- Becoming more of a generalist
Vice President
Director
Team Leader/Manager
Bench Scientist
Vice President

- Leading and setting long-term strategy
- Partnership with global business colleagues
- Setting and establishing priorities
- Securing resources
- Accountable
Key Learnings Over the Years

- Continuous learning
- Willingness to step outside your comfort zone
- Build off of people’s strengths
- Willingness to make tough choices
- Continuously focused on improving yourself
- Understand the value in coaching and mentoring others
- Network
- Enjoy what you are doing!
“Education in youth results in learning, but understanding comes with age and experience.”

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