Based in Edinburgh, the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council (SFC) is the national, strategic body that is responsible for funding teaching and learning provision, research and other activities in Scotland’s 25 colleges and 19 universities and higher education institutions.

**Chief Information Officer**

*Salary in the range (M2): £64,827 - £76,449 per annum (1.0 FTE)*

Reporting to the Director of Policy, Insight and Analytics, and with the support of your teams, you will deliver a high quality and modern data analytics and IT function which meets the needs of internal and external stakeholders.

You will develop a Data and Analytics strategy which will put insight front and centre of the organisation’s decision-making. The analytical support your team provides will be instrumental in the success of SFC’s funding models and of its strategic Outcome and Impact Agreements with Scotland’s colleges and universities, and in measuring the return on SFC’s investment in Scotland’s world-class research base. You will work closely with other data authorities on wider UK data and you will further develop SFC’s capacity to gain insights through international comparisons and horizon scanning.

You will have responsibility for the effective operation of SFC’s IT function and you will provide leadership to maximise the benefits of available digital and business intelligence tools to support all aspects of SFC’s operations.

You will be experienced in the strategic and operational management of significant analytical functions with a proven track record in leading teams through innovative change and in applying a continuous improvement approach using established methods. You will be a strategic thinker with strong analytical skills, strong communication and people skills, effective organisational and project management skills and excellent judgement. A good understanding of the current Scottish political and Government environment would be an advantage.

SFC is a friendly welcoming team and believes it is at its best when its work is informed by different perspectives. We are therefore keen to receive applications from talented individuals from all walks of life. Applications from candidates with disabilities and those from minority ethnic communities are encouraged.
This role is normally based in our Edinburgh office near Haymarket station. All SFC staff are currently working from home for the time being due to the pandemic. When the restrictions are lifted we will return to using our office but there will be some flexibility for home-based working.

No CVs accepted unless submitted with a completed application form.

Application and equality monitoring forms, together with further details on the vacancy are available from our website.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021. It is intended that remote interviews will take place in the week commencing 29 March 2021.

Committed to equality of opportunity