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 26 colleges and 19 universities and higher education institutions.

**Senior Financial Analyst**

**Salary in the range (£3) - £40,086 - £46,662 per annum (1.0 FTE)**

As one of the biggest investors of public funds in Scotland, we make a huge contribution to Scotland’s economy and wellbeing, securing impact and quality outcomes for students, employers and wider social and economic objectives.

We are looking for a qualified finance professional to join a team monitoring the financial health of further and higher education institutions. Through the analysis of information each Senior Financial Analyst provides advice and guidance on the financial health and governance within their allocated portfolio of institutions. Each Analyst has a designated lead responsibility / specialism within the team.

As a fully qualified accountant, you should have a professional awareness of technical accounting issues, with an up-to-date knowledge of UK accounting and auditing standards and governance codes. With experience across business analysis; financial management; budgetary control; and audit issues you will have sufficient post qualification experience to demonstrate the necessary level of understanding and professional judgement required for the role, with demonstrable experience in providing advice and guidance on governance issues to internal and external stakeholders.

In addition you must have a good level of organisational ability and be an effective communicator (both written and orally), with the ability to analyse and explain complex financial and governance issues to those from a non-financial background. Effective interpersonal skills are also essential as you must be able to form effective working relationships and maintain networks of key contacts within a range of internal and external stakeholders.

With excellent numeracy skills you must be proficient in desk-top software packages, particularly in relation to Advanced Excel skills.
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.

We will consider flexible working arrangements for this position.

This role is normally based in our Edinburgh office. Due to the pandemic our staff are still largely working from home, with some access to the office. Over the coming months we will develop our future model of hybrid working.

Please apply by submitting an SFC application form. (We do not accept CVs). 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 Tuesday 12 April 2022. It is intended that remote interviews will take place in the week commencing 25 April 2022.

Committed to equality of opportunity