ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FINANCE SYSTEMS AND TRANSFORMATION

Salary in the range (M1): £53,721 to £63,363 per annum (1.0 FTE)

We are looking for a talented, experienced Finance professional with experience of finance systems, processes and project management to co-ordinate and shape our Finance Transformation Programme which will deliver high quality outcomes and reinforce the Finance Directorate’s capability and capacity.

The Scottish Funding Council is the national funding authority that invests circa £2 billion every year in tertiary education, research and knowledge exchange through Scotland’s colleges and universities.

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.

This is an exciting time for us: following a national Review of our mission, we are refocusing our priorities, operations and capabilities, in order to add even greater value and make a difference for Scotland.

Reporting to the Director of Finance, this new key strategic role, will work closely with the Finance Leadership Team to develop and implement a finance transformation programme. This will cover a wide range of themes ranging from financial and funding data and systems, process redesign, enhancing our financial governance and controls as well as building the capability and capacity of the Directorate.

A qualified accountant (CCAB or CIMA), you will be able to demonstrate evidence of professional development including digital skills, leadership and corporate governance. To succeed in this role you will be experienced in: the operations of a large finance department with significant practical hands-on experience of using large financial accounting systems together with a good understanding of the key services provided. A knowledge of public sector accounting is essential as is the necessary security and controls required to protect data and systems. To deliver the transformation programme you will need experience in programme and project management and have the necessary skills to develop effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders, interpret customer...
requirements and have experience in the delivery of financial system plans and strategies. Some knowledge of academic funding models is desirable.

This role is currently based in our Edinburgh office, although we have committed to a future of hybrid working which means you will be able to work at home as well as spending some time at the office. We also understand the value of flexible working and we will be happy to consider flexible working arrangements for these positions.

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.

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The closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 22 September 2022.