

Director of Finance

Location: Mainly London based but some other travel included

Salary: £80K per annum plus benefits

London

WorldSkills UK is an independent charity and a partnership between employers, education, and governments. Together, we form a UK network, acting as a catalyst to:

- Raise training standards through international benchmarking
- Champion future skills through economic analysis; and
- Empower young people through inclusive competitions-based training and careers advocacy.

We're a proud member of WorldSkills, a global movement of over 85 countries. We believe that working with our partners across the UK and internationally, we can help make technical and professional education world-class - a source of UK pride and an asset for our future economic success.

We are seeking a new Director of Finance to help us drive forward our strategy supporting the UK become a world-class skills economy, recognised as a global leader in developing world-class apprenticeships and skills to help employers create high-quality jobs for young people. We are a partnership between governments, the education sector and businesses and our new Director will need considerable experience of working with government funders and the public sector.

As an employer ourselves we aim to be truly inclusive, offering a hybrid and collaborative working culture. We pride ourselves on having a flexible approach to our working practices and are happy to discuss flexible working options with suitable candidates.

As part of our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and to address underrepresented groups on our SLT, we particularly welcome applications from women and black and ethnic minority groups.

The Role:

- Ensuring effective strategic and operational financial planning, monitoring, and reporting to enhance the decision-making processes of WorldSkills UK and its Board.
- Taking a lead role in the financial management of the organisation's relationships and public core grant activities, including with the Department for Education (DfE), supporting the positioning of the organisation for a stronger and longer-term relationship with UK governments.
- Shaping and contributing to the successful delivery of WorldSkills UK's strategic priorities and annual business objectives.
- Providing strategic financial leadership across all areas of the organisation with regard to safeguarding the current and future financial position of WorldSkills UK.
- Supporting the Company Secretary in the management of the provision of contracted professional services (e.g., legal, insurance, etc.) ensuring that the most optimum level of service is efficiently provided to meet business needs.

The Person:

- ACA, ACCA, CIPFA, CIMA qualified or equivalent.
- Qualified to degree level (or equivalent) with a minimum of seven years post-qualifying experience and in-depth professional knowledge acquired through experience.
- Experience of leading a finance function in a diverse funding environment with public and private sources.
- Excellent analytical skills with the ability to analyse complex financial data and design and produce effective management information.
- Prepared occasionally to work outside normal hours.

Please apply by visiting www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings and following the instructions in the candidate brief quoting reference AA0201. The closing date is 14 March 4pm.

For a confidential conversation with Sarah Thewlis or for any other information please email applications@thewlisgraham.com