

The role

The Financial Systems Manager will be responsible for overseeing the ongoing development of the financial management systems of the Chaucer Finance Department, with particular emphasis on the PeopleSoft General Ledger.

The Manager is responsible for developing and executing a financial systems development strategy for Corporate Finance, as well as for the ongoing management of appropriate standards, procedures and internal controls for all of Corporate Finance's Information Systems.

To be effective, the Manager must fully understand the relationship between the business and the data and technology that support the financial functions. The role requires the ability to assimilate other associated technical/development skillsets quickly and independently as Chaucer continues to evolve its technology platform.

The role also requires the ability to facilitate project planning and review sessions with multiple business partners.

About us

Chaucer is a leading insurance group underwriting risks at Lloyd's, the world's specialist insurance market. It deploys specialist underwriters in all major classes, including aviation, casualty, energy, marine, property and treaty.

Headquartered in London, Chaucer has international operations in Copenhagen and Singapore, and affiliate offices in Miami and New York, providing access to high quality business worldwide..

Main responsibilities

- Participate in establishing the strategic direction and policy for financial applications
- Manage system support to ensure efficient and effective accounting close process
- Manage compliance with change control processes for the financial systems, with a clear view of the end to end process, including the Accounting Rules Engine, PeopleSoft and Reporting Cubes
- Partner in establishing priorities and communicating with customers, suppliers and support areas
- Lead project planning from requirements through design, development testing, implementation, evaluation and maintenance. Be accountable for implementation strategies
- Lead and manage and lead a number of development projects and product upgrades, often in conjunction with project management professionals
- Act as liaison for Chaucer Finance with the Chaucer and Hanover Technology Groups in business areas including software acquisition and customization, technical infrastructure support, baseline application support and other development projects. May resolve basic problems or partner with technology development for analysis and solution
- Effective communication and periodic reporting to senior management on the status of the Financial Systems strategy and/or initiatives
- Provision of technical leadership, coaching and mentoring to team members

Our requirements

Relevant Experience

Essential

- 3-5 years of prior management experience
- 5+ years of finance experience/ operational knowledge of accounting processes
- Lloyd's insurance knowledge is desirable
- Qualified accountant is desirable
- Past experience of working on projects and/or business analyst support
- Technical experience desirable: SQL, MS Access and Visual Basic
- Experience with financial accounting and reporting software (PeopleSoft, Data Warehouse and Reporting Cube Tools)

Technical Skills

Essential

- Technical aptitude and understanding of financial operations
- In depth understanding of all areas of the project life cycle
- Must have the ability to perform successfully and independently across multiple initiatives and processes
- Ability to lead and direct in a professional manner

Personal skills

- Strong sense of accountability and ownership of the work assigned
- Emphasis on quality of the outputs produced
- Time management and ability to meet tight deadlines
- Self-starter, requiring minimum supervision, with the ability to solve problems and find solutions.
- "Can do" attitude and willing to take more responsibilities
- Strong communication skills at every level within the organisation
- Attention to detail
- Team player