



Financial & Contract Specialist

Recruitment #: S2502
Review Date: Immediate review | Open until filled
Department: The Research Institute
Salary Rate: \$63,745 - \$74,613

About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon’s lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state’s capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state’s cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon’s oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It’s known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an emerging Hispanic Serving institution, with 41% of undergraduates being students of color.

Position Summary:

The Financial & Contract Specialist participates as a member of a collaborative team working on federal, state, and local projects within the TRI. This position assists with post award financial oversight and contract implementation for existing programs in TRI. Major responsibilities include invoicing for grants, pay adjustments, budget management, and contract preparation. This position cultivates equitable practices across all aspects of position duties.

TRI staff are expected to engage in continual learning in anti-racism, equity, diversity, inclusion and outreach in order to cultivate equitable practices across all aspects of position duties and participate and engage in efforts to further develop and implement the center, projects and university’s equity work and goals.

Work Location: Remote/hybrid (In-person attendance for professional development required)

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree And/or specialized education, training/certification in accounting, financial, management, business administration, grants management or related subject or an equivalent combination of experience and education
- Driver’s License
- 1-2 years of experience Managing Grants
- 3-5 years of experience in Accounting and/or Financial Management which included budget development, monitoring and preparation of fiscal reports
- Strong analytical, organizational, and oral/written communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Demonstrated knowledge in standard computer applications (Microsoft Office Suite)
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a demonstrated passion for customer service
- Ability to work harmoniously as a team player
- Ability to be self-directed
- Commitment to actively participate in and support TRI’s anti-racism goals and practices

Required Application materials:

Please submit only the required materials listed below. Applications **missing** required materials will not move forward for consideration.

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that addresses your qualifications for the position.
3. Resume/CV

Background/Education Check:

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

Benefits:

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities. <http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. We celebrate our inclusive work environment and encourage people of all backgrounds and perspectives to apply. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Accommodation Requests:

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you would like to request disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in a WOU activity or event, please complete the [online request form](#) at least three (3) business days in advance. If you have questions, contact Disability Services (ODS) at 503-838-8250 or ods@wou.edu.

Veterans Preference

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit <http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

To stay informed about the progress of this search, we invite and encourage you to explore our career page at wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/. Unfortunately, due to the volume, it is challenging for us to offer individual updates on the status of each application, and for that, we sincerely regret any inconvenience. We thank you for your patience and interest in employment at Western Oregon University.