Western University’s vision is to be a destination of choice for the world’s brightest minds seeking the best learning experience at a leading Canadian research university. Combining more than 1,400 faculty, 2500 administrative staff, and 32,500 FTE students (including more than 6,000 graduate students), Western has established itself as a globally recognized destination for academic excellence and leadership development achieved through learning and research. Through 11 Faculties and Schools, and three affiliated University Colleges, Western’s vibrant centre of learning offers its undergraduate students more than 400 specializations, majors, and minors, as well as innovative modular degree structures allowing them to combine numerous disciplines. In graduate education, Western offers 53 Doctoral and 83 Master’s programs. For more information about Western, visit www.westernu.ca.

Western now invites applications and nominations for the position of Director and Controller, Financial Services (“Controller”).

Reporting to the Associate Vice-President, Financial Services, the Director and Controller, Financial Services is responsible for overseeing the financial accounting and control system for the University. The Controller will provide timely and accurate financial reporting, analysis, and advice to the University community and its leadership. As part of the Financial Services senior management team, the Controller also establishes and implements strategic objectives and leads a high performing corporate accounting team. The Controller acts as the primary liaison with the external auditors and government agencies relating to financial reports, inquiries and audits.

Candidates must hold an undergraduate degree and the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation in good standing; a Master’s level degree is considered an asset. This appointment calls for candidates who have successfully worked in a sophisticated and decentralized environment, who possess leadership and management experience, and have a proven track record in identifying, monitoring and mitigating financial risk for an institution. Experience with Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, of control frameworks and proper control procedures, and of tax law including taxable benefits and indirect taxes as they apply to not for profit entities are all required. Candidates must also be exceptional communicators with the ability to simplify and convey complex narratives through verbal, written, or visual reporting to various stakeholders, including Western’s executive management and its Board of Governors.

Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups / visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons with any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process by contacting our search consultant (see below). In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

To explore this financial leadership position at Western University further, please contact Jane Griffith or Mike Eagar at mike@leadersinternational.com.
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