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PR/097286 | Finance Director

Job Information

Recruiter

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Job ID

1599716

Industry

Audit, Tax Accounting

Job Type

Permanent Full-time

Location

Singapore

Salary

Negotiable, based on experience

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August 21st, 2026 04:00

General Requirements

Minimum Experience Level

Over 10 years

Career Level

Mid Career

Minimum English Level

Fluent

Minimum Japanese Level

None

Minimum Education Level

Associate Degree/Diploma

Visa Status

No permission to work in Japan required

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Your New Company

A leading public sector organization in Singapore focused on scientific research and innovation, operating under the Ministry of Trade and Industry, plays a central role in advancing national R&D capabilities across areas such as biomedical sciences, advanced manufacturing and engineering. It oversees a network of research institutes and actively partners with multinational corporations, SMEs and other government agencies to drive the translation of research into commercially viable outcomes aligned with Singapore's long-term economic priorities.

From a finance perspective, the environment is largely government-funded and policy-driven, with close alignment to national frameworks and multi-year innovation plans. Finance teams are typically involved in budgeting, grant management, and resource allocation across complex programs, while working closely with central agencies. The role tends to focus more on governance, funding oversight and strategic planning rather than purely commercial activities, offering strong exposure to public sector financial management and national-level initiatives.

New Role

- Lead oversight of statutory board finance operations, ensuring robust governance, consistent application of financial policies, and accurate reporting to the Ministry and senior stakeholders
- Drive strong financial controls and compliance frameworks across entities to ensure integrity and accountability in financial management
- Steward the organization's Research Development Fund budgets as both grantor and implementing agency, ensuring effective planning, utilization, and liquidity management
- Ensure full compliance with MTI and MOF budgetary requirements (including cash budget frameworks), supporting disciplined use of public funds and continuity of funding
- Oversee end-to-end financial reporting, including cash budgets, awarded and committed budgets, retained earnings, and multi-year RIE block funding
- Manage mid-year and year-end financial reporting processes to senior management, Audit Committees, Board EXCO, Board, and the parent Ministry
- Lead engagement with internal and external auditors (including AGO), ensuring timely resolution of audit findings and continuous strengthening of control environments
- Support strategic financial planning and decision-making at the organizational level, aligned with national and institutional priorities

Key Qualifications for Success

- Degree in Finance or Accountancy, with a recognized professional qualification (e.g. CA, CPA, ACCA)
- At least 10 years of senior leadership experience within public sector finance, ideally at Director level or above in a Statutory Board or Ministry, with proven oversight of budget planning, execution, and financial reporting
- Strong knowledge of financial governance frameworks, including MOF budget policies, public sector accounting standards, and audit requirements, with regular engagement with central agencies such as MTI, MOF, and EDB
- Demonstrated ability to engage, influence, and partner with senior stakeholders across Ministries, Boards, and central agencies
- Proven ability to operate effectively in a complex, high-stakes environment, driving strategic initiatives independently while collaborating across stakeholders

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Interested applicants may submit their updated CV by clicking **APPLY NOW**. All applications will be reviewed and treated in strict confidence.

Do note that we will only be in touch if your application is shortlisted.

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