

Job Title: Group Financial Controller

Reporting to: Chief Financial Officer

Location: London, some remote working possible.

Salary: Competitive depending on experience + Bonus + Benefits

The Company

NetScientific PLC is a life sciences and sustainability technology investment and commercialisation group. We leverage trans-Atlantic relationships and global opportunities to deliver shareholder value.

We look to maximise shareholder returns through focused execution of our investment strategy with current portfolio companies, and targeted investments in existing and new investment opportunities.

NetScientific develops a customized investment and realisation strategy for its portfolio companies and seek to enable the companies we work to access the right type of funding, proactive management support and resources specific to their sector, stage of development and available opportunities.

About the role:

The Group Financial Controller will take ownership of the financial reporting for NetScientific, its direct subsidiaries and selected portfolio companies, and lead the accounting team.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to fast-track their career in an ambitious and fast-growing company,

The GFC will report to the CFO, alongside regular interactions with senior management across the portfolio businesses served by the in-house finance function.

We are a small, collegiate, and dynamic team, with no egos. We have a culture that is built upon openness and transparency, celebrates accountability and a willingness to proactively take on responsibility. As such, we are looking for a like-minded person to join the team

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Define & consolidate the reporting timelines, formats and processes across the Group
- Ensure delivery of timely, accurate and insightful management information and reports for decision-makers, driving efficiencies through implementation of best practices
- Business-partnering and support for executives and senior management in strategic decision-making
- Ensuring financial standards, compliance processes and controls are in place and adhered to across the business
- Responsible for budgeting & forecasting including working with CEOs/Senior Management across selected portfolio companies
- Oversight of cash position/treasury function and cash needs for selected portfolio companies
- Streamlining & consolidation of reporting – formats, content, timelines
- Implementation and oversight of financial controls and accounting policies across the Group. Working as a key finance stakeholder in the rollout of new finance management and reporting systems
- Playing a key part in the year-end audit, working as the main point of contact for the auditors for selected subsidiaries
- Oversight of statutory reporting responsibilities: annual accounts, corporation tax, VAT compliance

Experience and Desirable Skills

- Strong accounting knowledge, with relevant qualification (ACA, ACCA, CIMA or equivalent)
- Understanding of various UK tax incentive schemes for VC investors will be beneficial (EIS, SEIS, Patent box etc.)
- Exposure and track record of supporting entrepreneurial businesses (life-sciences preferred) in a financial controller, finance business partner or similar capacity
- Advanced Excel and financial modelling skills
- First rate communication skills – the role will support key decision-makers across the group and ability to communicate at all levels, with non-finance stakeholders is essential
- Experience in managing and motivating a finance team – the GFC will oversee the work of the Group's Management Accountant, and several other finance professionals related to our portfolio companies
- Comfortable in a highly visible role, self-starter with attention to detail
- Comfortable with fast-paced environments of entrepreneurial start-up businesses
- Ability to comprehend and narrate financial records for external stakeholders.
- Strong experience of month-end close, functional reporting and preparation of statutory accounts
- Experience in process automation and control optimisation - both functional requirements through to system go-live.
- Experience in finance systems implementation, integration and maintenance of internal controls
- Experience in developing and monitoring KPIs, ideally across a variety of industries