Senior Accountant

**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Senior Accountant  
**Department/Group:** Finance and Accounting  
**Location:** 1800 Grant Street, Suite 725  
Denver, CO 80203  
**Reports To:** Controller  
**FLSA Status:** Exempt  
**Hiring Salary Range:** $74,545 to $87,700. The base salary range represents the low and high end of the University of Colorado Foundation’s salary range for this position. Actual salaries will vary based on various factors including but not limited to experience, education, training, responsibilities, and regular and/or necessary travel. The range listed is just one component of the University of Colorado Foundation’s total compensation package for employees.

**Benefits Summary:**  
- **Medical:** Two plan options  
- **Dental:** Two plan options  
- **Additional Insurance:** Disability, Life, and Vision  
- **Retirement 401(k) Plan:** Employer contributes up to 6% of your gross pay, per plan terms  
- **Paid Time Off:**  
  - Vacation and Sick Days: 25 *(first two years)*  
  - Holiday Days: 10 flex days

**Job Purpose**

The CU Foundation is seeking a full-time Senior Accountant reporting directly to the Controller. This position is responsible for general ledger accounting, including analysis of business transactions to prepare journal entries, portions of the month-end close process, financial data preparation, account analysis and reconciliations. This position will take a lead role in processing complex transactions related to security sales, real estate sales, and other transactions ensuring accuracy in accounting for these transactions using GAAP guidelines. The successful applicant will have the skills necessary to develop, interpret, and implement moderate to complex financial accounting concepts or techniques for financial planning, reporting, and control.

**Essential Duties**

1. Records/approves accounting transactions within the guidelines of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and not-for-profit accounting.  
2. Reviews balance sheet account reconciliation, identifies errors, and provides feedback for corrections. Reconciles and analyzes balance sheet accounts; posts adjustments and corrections as needed. This includes bank reconciliation to the general ledger.  
3. Serves as a resource and subject matter expert to internal and external customers regarding their requests and questions.  
4. Serves as a key participant in monthly and quarterly business financial reviews. Analyzes data and troubleshoots problems.
5. Posts and review journal entries as required.
6. Reviews, posts and/or adjusts complex gift transactions. Recommends proper accounting treatment of gifts and pledges to the Controller or CFO.
7. Participates in updating policies and procedures related to finance and accounting activities.
8. Performs backup duties in multiple areas when other accounting staff are out of the office.
9. Assists the Controller and CFO in identifying and mitigating organizational risk.
10. Assists with the annual audit, tax returns and other compliance tasks.
11. Continually documents processes and recommends improvements for all assigned duties.

Other Duties As Assigned

Job Specifications

Knowledge and Skills

- Strong current knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Proven ability to apply broad conceptual judgment and initiative to deal with complex accounting issues.
- Strong problem solving and analytical skills.
- Thorough knowledge of financial and Internal Revenue Service regulations.
- Solid ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
- Solid ability to organize, manage and prioritize multiple tasks simultaneously, meet deadlines and follow up to ensure completion/resolution.
- Computer proficiency required, especially as related to the software referenced under “software utilized” (see below).
- Must be open to taking on new duties and projects. Flexibility is required.
- Ability to function in a team-oriented environment.

Education

Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting or equivalent combination of education and experience required; CPA preferred. MBA a plus.

Experience

Minimum of four (4) years accounting experience required, preferably in auditing and non-profit accounting.

Software Utilized

Microsoft Office Products, including Word, Excel, Outlook; accounting software; donor database software. Experience with Blackbaud’s Financial Edge software a plus.

Supervisory Responsibility

Senior Accountant
Not required for this position.

Physical Demands and Working Conditions

Works in normal office environment requiring light physical effort by handling objects up to 20 pounds occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds frequently. Works with standard office equipment (such as phone, fax, and personal computer). Ability to navigate stairs frequently during the course of a business day in various work locations. Sitting at a desk for most of the day and working with computer.

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities or qualifications associated with the job.

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To apply, please submit cover letter and resume to HR@cufund.org.