

OF RHODE ISLAND

Division of Institutional Equity and Human Resources

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE Associate Controller

POSITION NO. 502665

LOCATION Warwick Campus

REPORTS TO Controller **GRADE** BOE 16

WORK SCHEDULE Non-standard, 35 hours per week

SUPERVISES Accounting Staff in Controller's Office, Grant/ Sponsored Program Staff

REVISION DATE 12/13/2023

JOB SUMMARY:

To be responsible to the Controller for the day-to-day oversight of the following functions:

- Support and oversee all accounting functions of the Controller's Office, with a concentration on daily banking, grants, fixed assets, agency, general ledger, and travel functions
- Conduct daily banking transactions for all College funds
- Preparation of the College's annual financial statements to include coordinating with the College's external auditors
- Planning, organization and supervision of contracts, grants/sponsored program function
- Coordination of financial and administrative functions between the College and external reporting agencies, state and federal agencies
- Grant/Sponsored Program and Contract accounting, billing & collections
- Supervise fixed asset accounting and year end schedules
- Agency accounting and payments
- Accounting systems and internal control procedures
- Timely financial management reports
- Coordinate the Indirect cost rate negotiation
- Controller's Office liaison with grant program directors to ensure compliance
- Controller's Office liaison with agency staff to ensure compliance

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance of the Controller:

- Supervise the preparation of analyses, interpretations, and presentations of contract, grant/sponsored program financial data for Community College management and the Board of Education
- Supervise financial accounting and internal financial control systems of contract, grant/sponsored
 programs, including; maintaining a strong working knowledge of Ellucian Banner financial and grant
 module systems; implementing changes as necessary; and coordinating departmental and college system
 needs with appropriate IT staff
- Ensure that the institution is in compliance with federal and state audit guidelines and Uniform
 Administrative Requirements and assist in planning and performing the annual audits and internal audit
 reviews
- Supervise and evaluate contract, grant/sponsored program employees to ensure effective and timely completion of their responsibilities in compliance with applicable guidelines
- Work with state and federal agencies as needed to ensure compliance to state and federal policies and procedures
- Responsible for all activities associated with contract, grant/sponsored program reporting to the funding agencies
- Develop and monitor accounting policies and procedures that support contract, grant/sponsored programs. Ensure that State and Federal regulations are incorporated in all fiscal policies.
- Responsible for the coordination of the Indirect Rate negotiation
- Maintain current knowledge of financial methodologies, technologies, and regulatory environment necessary to support financial operations including research of federal and state laws and regulations.

- Review contracts, grant/sponsored program
- Responsible for external grants/sponsored programs and contracts billings and collections according to College policy, and for reviewing internal matches/cost sharing for appropriateness with regulatory guidelines such as Uniform Grants Guidance
- Chair the Grants Committee meetings to include preparing agenda, providing educational trainings
- Coordinate College efforts with the state
- Assist with the closing of accounting periods
- Assist with the College's annual financial statements.
- Coordinate with the College's external, Federal, and State Auditors
- Oversee fixed asset accounting for all College property
- Supervise agency accounting
- Mange college travel system and provide support for Staff
- Work collaboratively with others in a diverse and inclusive environment.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the philosophy and mission of a comprehensive community college.
- Other related duties as assigned.

LICENSES, TOOLS, AND EQUIPMENT:

Various office equipment which may include computers, typewriters, telephones, copy machines, calculators, fax machines, etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This position is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business Administration
- A minimum of seven years accounting experience, to include contract and grant/sponsored program experience, in (a) management of a complex accounting system, (b) public accounting, or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) including at least three years supervisory experience
- Working knowledge of a complex ERP system
- Working knowledge of the Uniform Administrative Requirements
- Ability to perform legal research and contract review
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Strong interpersonal and team building skills
- High level analytical and organizational skills
- Proficiency in MS Office Excel and Word applications

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Accounting, Public Administration, Finance or other related field
- Experience at an institution of higher education
- Working knowledge of Banner Finance and Human Resources systems
- Familiarity with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements

All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.