

UNIVERSITY CONTROLLER POSITION SEARCH

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Purdue University invites applications and nominations for the position of University Controller (UC) to join its Finance Department, which is under the direction of the Vice President/Deputy CFO and Assistant Treasurer. As a key member of the senior leadership team, the UC reports to the Associate Vice President of Finance & Accounting and is a proactive, fiscally minded leader who combines financial management skills with a strong knowledge of and an appreciation for creating process efficiencies.

This is an unmatched opportunity for an innovative and forward-thinking, collaborative leader to guide a high performing Finance team through a period of enormous growth. The successful candidate is comfortable in a fast-paced environment and is not afraid to think creatively and challenge the status quo.

The UC is also an approachable, team-oriented leader who is comfortable partnering with a wide array of stakeholders to support the advancement of Purdue's goals.

THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Under the direction of the Vice President/Deputy CFO and Assistant Treasurer, the Finance team monitors the delegation and application of treasurer authorities throughout the organization, ensuring transactions meet university, state, and federal guidelines. Through transparent, efficient, and cost-effective actions, the Finance team has broad ranging impact on the financial health of the institution.

The Controller's Office is responsible for oversight of the collection and disbursement of funds and appropriate recording and reporting of all financial transactions for the University in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Governmental Accounting Standards. The individual in this role directs and oversees the operations of Accounting Services, Managerial Accounting (including Accounts Receivable, Costing, Global Accounting, and Tax), Treasury Operation, and the Office of the Bursar as well as consults and collaborates with departments across the institution.

Office of the Controller Services:

Direct the administrative and operational activities associated with the collection and disbursement of funds and the recording of all financial transactions of the University.

Assure the establishment and monitoring of appropriate procedures, processes, and systems to ensure the University books of account and other reporting documents reflect an accurate and true financial record of the University in total and in the various operating units in particular, in a timely manner.

Establish and monitor appropriate procedures, processes, and systems to assure appropriate controls on all University financial transactions.

Manage the University's understanding of and compliance with external reporting requirements such as accounting standards and state and federal tax laws.

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OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Maintain Purdue's strong rating (1 of 7 AAA rated public universities) and risk history while the University continues to implement new and global initiatives.

Utilize familiarity with a variety of global tax and finance structures to support the University in effective structuring and maintenance in support of key activities.

Manage a 70 person team, with varied skillsets and knowledge. This includes team recruitment, retention, and development but also trusting the team as professionals and providing support as needed.

Bring a customer service orientation to all aspects of the Office of Controller team, ensuring support for campus constituents with clear and transparent communication.

Leverage technology and systems to create and advance process improvements and efficiencies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Demonstrated record of administrative achievement in a large and complex organization, such as a research university, a state government system, or in health care administration. Candidates with other private industry experience will also be considered.

Experience leading finance and administration organizations and managing through change while maintaining daily operations.

Demonstrated knowledge and ability in a broad array of financial management, budgeting, and planning areas.

Knowledge of tax laws and regulations as well as laws and government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, etc. pertaining to financial transactions.

Evidence of strong organizational, analytical, and supervisory skills.

Demonstrated ability to think creatively and strategically, and comfortable challenging others.

Ability to communicate clearly, effectively, and collegially with the many constituencies whose contributions are required for the success of the University.

Strong ability to build trust and collaborative relationships within the team and across the University.

Comfortable working in a fast-paced, constantly changing environment.

Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.

Advanced degree in accounting, finance, or other business field, and/or CPA is desired.



NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

AGB Search is pleased to assist Purdue University with this search.

To apply for the University Controller position, candidates are requested to submit the below documents to AGB Search here:

[Purdue University Controller.](#)

Curriculum vitae or resume.

Letter of interest addressing the expectations and qualifications identified in the profile.

Five professional references with email addresses and telephone numbers, including their relationship to the candidate (to be contacted at a later date with candidate's permission).

Please direct any nominations, expressions of interest or questions regarding the application process to PurdueController@agbsearch.com. To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by **March 8, 2024**.

More information about the Controller's Office can be found here: [Controller's Office.](#)

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