

**Candidate Information Pack**

**Director of Finance & Resources**

**Salary £52,000–£56,000, with generous benefits[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Please find enclosed:**

## Background Briefing

## Job Description and Person Specification

* Application Form
* Timetable (Please ensure you reserve some time on the interview dates)

**For background information on ACF go to**

www.acf.org.uk

The **closing date for applications is** **2 July at 10am.**  Please send applications to ACF@allysondavies-consultant.com

For further information contact Allyson Davies on 020 7828 3855, or 0796 855 6154, or email ACF@allysondavies-consultant.com

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & RESOURCES**

**About ACF**

ACF is the membership body for UK foundations and grant-making charities. Driven by a belief that foundations are a vital source for social good, our mission is to support them to be ambitious and effective in the way that they use their resources. We do this through the provision of policy and advocacy, research and information, and a wide-ranging programme of events and learning. Our 350 members collectively hold assets of around £50bn and give over £2.5bn annually.

One year into a new strategy under a new Chief Executive, ACF has ambitious plans to strengthen our policy voice on behalf of foundations, to develop our thought leadership and deliver ever-more value to our members. We recently launched our Stronger Foundations initiative, a member-led process of inquiry into what excellent foundation practice looks like which will raise standards across our sector.

**Why join us?**

This is an exciting time to join the ACF leadership team as Director of Finance & Resources. In order to achieve our ambitions and be sustainable in the longer term, we need to adopt a more commercial and enterprising approach to our work, while continuing to put our mission and our members first. We have a small and ambitious staff team and this role is crucial in nurturing our people and ensuring that they have the systems, culture and support they need to thrive. This role will suit someone who enjoys thinking strategically and applying their technical skills operationally, as ACF is a relatively small organisation with an annual turnover of £1m and a staff of 12.

**The role**

The role is critical to the success of achieving ACF’s new strategic objectives. Driven by our belief that foundations are a vital source for social good, we want to play a greater role in:

* Supporting foundations to achieve their charitable objectives
* Advocating on behalf of foundations for an enabling policy, legislative and operating environment
* Connecting foundations to people, organisations, governments and movements relevant to their work
* Inspiring foundations to be ambitious and effective in the way that they use their resources for social good

In order to achieve this, a supporting strategic objective is that ACF thrives and is sustainable, supporting members over the longer term, by:

* Ensuring we are financially robust
* Responding to member need
* Valuing our people
* Implementing effective systems
* Adapting to technological change
* Nurturing a values-driven culture and prizing environmental sustainability

As the Director of Finance & Resources you will lead this supporting strategic objective and ensure it underpins all of ACF’s activities. The role will be a member of the Executive Leadership Team and will provide relevant information and advice to the board of trustees. You will ensure that strong financial governance and leadership is applied across all of ACF’s activities. This will include directing and overseeing all financial matters including the preparation of the financial reports, budgets and forecasts, and the implementation of robust financial plans and strategies to maximise opportunities and minimise risk. You will work with the Executive Leadership Team to develop ACF’s enterprising and commercial income streams, and you will take responsibility for IT strategy and provision, for HR processes and systems and for ACF’s premises.

**The person**

The Director of Finance & Resources will be a key member of ACF’s executive leadership team. You will play an integral role in ensuring that the organisation meets its ambitious strategic plans and aims to become a world-class membership body, providing exemplary services and support to our members. You will be an inspiring leader and enjoy working with a small but dynamic team on the development and delivery of a range of strategies and plans to deliver excellence.

To be successful you will be a qualified accountant or equivalent and have previous experience of working in a leadership role in a charity. You will have a strong working knowledge of overseeing Finance (including SORP), HR, IT and property functions of organisations similar to ACF. You will also have some people management experience. You will have a passion and desire to ensure that ACF’s resources optimise the delivery of member services in their entirety and a genuine interest in and curiosity about organisational development, and ACF’s financial sustainability, the members of ACF and how we can continuously improve our services and relationships.

**Terms and conditions**

Salary: £52,000–£56,000, plus 10% pension contributions and staff travel card loan on successful completion of probation.

Hours: 35 hours per week (flexibility could be negotiated for the right candidate and it might be possible to arrange the role to a 4-day per week role with pro rata arrangements)

Contract type:Permanent, full time

Location: Kings Cross, London (ACF is due to relocate within central London in the next 12–18 months)

**Job Description**

**Job title:** **Director of Finance & Resources**

**Responsible to:** Chief Executive

**Line management of:**  - Acting Finance Manager

* Executive & HR Assistant (who acts as executive assistant to CEO and Director of External Affairs)

**Overview**

The Director of Finance & Resources will ensure that ACF nurtures and develops its resources to thrive as a sustainable and growing membership association, enabling us to deliver our mission to support foundations to be ambitious and effective in their pursuit of social good.

**Key areas of responsibility**

* To propose, develop and implement financial strategy across the charity
* To develop and implement financial controls, policies and structures as necessary for the protection of funds and assets and for the generation of new income streams
* To oversee the financial reporting and take responsibility for the accuracy, reliability and compliance of ACF’s financial records
* To play a full role in the Executive Leadership Team by supervising financial performance and driving financial performance improvement
* To be responsible for ACF’s HR management ensuring systems and processes are compliant and create a culture that optimises the delivery of member services
* To be responsible for the charity’s ICT infrastructure and systems and oversee the development and implementation of an ICT strategy to support the delivery of membership services

**Member of executive leadership team**

Working as part of the executive leadership team to have a shared responsibility to:

* Develop the strategies, culture and values that will deliver ACF’s mission and charitable objectives
* Understand and anticipate the collective and emerging needs of foundations and ensure that ACF is well placed to meet these
* Identify and develop new and ongoing income streams and funding to ensure that the organisation is financially self-sustaining
* Deliver innovative and creative continuous improvement of systems
* Nurture and develop ACF’s staff team and support them in delivering a new strategic vision

**Leadership, strategic planning and delivery**

* Develop, deliver and maintain an operational plan for all organisational resources
* Develop and maintain systems to deliver quality assurance and measure organisational performance, including KPI’s
* Lead on the development of effective business/strategy plans, including budgets and financial planning, developing and maintaining a fully costed model
* Prepare accurate, reliable and timely reports to the Board on resourcing issues
* Lead on implementing a suitable quality assurance system and performance management processes
* Support the Finance and Risk Committee and the Premises working group to fulfil their responsibilities

**Organisational sustainability**

* Take a strategic lead on income and expenditure, presenting management information to the CEO and trustees
* Significantly increase the business focus of the organisation
* Identify and deliver cost savings and deliver exceptional value for money
* Work with the Director of External Affairs to develop funding applications, manage the preparation of bids, and ensure the reporting requirements of funders are met

**Financial leadership and management**

* Direct and lead on ACF’s financial activities from the strategic to the operational finances
* Ensure ACF’s financial systems, procedures and controls meet organisational needs and are compliant with good practice
* Prepare accurate and reliable financial forecasts to support strategic decision making.
* Provide sound financial guidance on organisational developments and enable the organisation to undertake new projects.
* Lead on ACF’s risk management ensuring it complies with the Board’s risk tolerances and appetites
* Lead on the reserves policy for the charity and work with trustees to ensure that this is appropriate and safeguards the charity.
* Manage the work of the Acting Finance Manager, overseeing the production of the statutory annual accounts, the annual audit and the production of monthly management accounts

**Operational management**

**HR**

* Take a strategic lead on ensuring that ACF lives its values and has a high achieving culture that supports the wellbeing of our team
* Lead on the development and delivery of ACF’s HR function ensuring ACF’s staffing structure, remuneration policies and performance management systems deliver the strategic objectives
* Manage the Executive & HR Assistant, overseeing record keeping and HR processes

**Premises**

* Ensure facilities and resources are managed, including contractual arrangements
* Lead on ACF’s relocation to new offices in the next 12–18 months; ensuring ACF has creative and inspiring premises that support the delivery of excellence in member services, is carbon neutral and digitally excellent
* Working with the leadership team, play an active role in the strategic vision for the UK’s first Philanthropy House, a focal point for institutional philanthropy in the UK, and (if applicable) contribute to a successful capital appeal

**ICT**

* Review the current and future ICT needs of ACF and develop and implement an IT strategy that will meet the evolving needs of the organisation and our members
* Support the Director of Membership and their team in reviewing ACF’s CRM requirements, and lead on the procurement of a new database
* Manage the Acting Finance Manager in their membership services and strategic database responsibilities

**Compliance**

* Ensure that the organisation is compliant with all legal and best practice responsibilities, including data protection and health and safety
* Act as company secretary for the organisation, ensuring all legal requirements of the role are fulfilled
* Lead a review of ACF’s trading subsidiary, ACF Conferences & Seminars Ltd
* Responsible for statutory reporting, consolidation, and the audit process
* Maintain a central record of all contracts, providing reports to the CEO and Trustees as required

**Line management**

* Proactively manage direct reports, enabling the team to deliver a cost effective, customer focused and high quality service
* Manage and supervise line reports, setting annual objectives that deliver the organisational strategy

**Other tasks**

* To contribute to the development of organisational policy and procedures ensuring best practice
* Personal/professional training and development as appropriate in line with the needs of the post.
* The post holder must at all times carry out his/her duties and responsibilities with due regard to the organisation’s equality and diversity policies, empathy for and commitment to ACF’s mission and values, and to assisting ACF in being a more environmentally responsible organisation.

**Director of Finance and Resources**

**Person specification**

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| **Knowledge, qualifications, skills and experience** | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| Experienced charity finance professional, with senior experience, a suitable accountancy qualification or equivalent and good working knowledge of the Charities SORP, charity trading and company law | **✓** |  |
| Experience of strategic planning and delivery | **✓** |  |
| Commercial and financial acumen, with experience of income generation and a proven track record of improving organisational sustainability | **✓** |  |
| Strong leadership and management skills with experience of leading a motivated and effective team | **✓** |  |
| Strong project management skills with experience of delivering projects on time and to budget | **✓** |  |
| Experience of HR process and systems from recruitment to departure with a proven track record in enabling productive teams | **✓** |  |
| Experience of scoping and designing ICT infrastructure requirements and implementation | **✓** |  |
| Experience of being a company secretary |  | **✓** |
| Experience of implementing and delivering quality assurance scheme and performance management systems |  | **✓** |
| Experience of training and supporting non-financial experts in finance |  | **✓** |
| **Abilities and aptitudes** |  |  |
| Ability to communicate clearly and effectively | **✓** |  |
| Ability to think clearly and strategically with strong analytical skills, able to synthesise new information quickly and accurately | **✓** |  |
| **Personal qualities** |  |  |
| Dynamic, energetic and forward-looking | **✓** |  |
| Commitment to equality and diversity, empathy for and commitment to ACF’s aims and core values, and to being environmentally friendly | **✓** |  |
| Highly developed sense of personal integrity with respect for others | **✓** |  |
| A team player who enjoys working in a small team | **✓** |  |

**The Recruitment Process**

## Timetable

***PLEASE NOTE***

***Due to the tight timescales please ensure you reserve some  
availability on the interview dates***

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| Deadline for applications | 2 July at 10am |
| Screening Interviews | 5 and 6 July |
| Panel interviews | 13 July |
| Final Interview (if required) | 17 or 19 July |
| Decision made & successful candidate notified | 20 July |

## To Apply

If you would like to apply for this role, please complete this Application Form (on the following pages) and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form (downloaded from [this link](http://www.allysondavies-consultant.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Equal_Opportunities_Monitoring_Form.doc)), plus attach a CV outlining your career to date, with any academic and professional qualifications.

Please send these three documents, **by Monday 2 July at 10am** to Allyson Davies at

ACF@allysondavies-consultant.com

**Information**

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| Full name |  |
| Address |  |
| Mobile phone |  |
| Home phone |  |
| Email |  |
| How did you hear of this post? |  |
| Are you eligible to work in the UK? |  |

Please give details of two professional referees: your current or most recent employer, and a previous employer:

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| **Details required** | **Referee One** | **Referee Two** |
| Name |  |  |
| Professional relationship to you |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |
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| Ok to approach? |  |  |

Please give details of your current income and benefits details:

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| Basic Annual Salary |  |
| Annual leave entitlement |  |
| Employer’s pension contribution |  |
| Employee’s pension contribution |  |
| Any other benefits |  |
| Notice required |  |

**On no more than two pages, please include your answers below, stating:**

1. Why you would like to be Director of Finance & Resources at ACF.
2. The experience and skills you can bring to this role in relation to the job description and person specification.

**Declaration**

I declare that the information that I have provided on this form is true and accurate, and in particular that I have not omitted any fact which may have a bearing on my application. I understand that any subsequent contract of employment with the ACF will be made on the basis of the information I have provided. I understand that a false declaration, which results in my appointment to ACF, will render me liable to dismissal without notice. I also understand that submitting this form electronically is equivalent to a signed declaration.

**Signature** [type your name]: **Date:**

1. A 4-day week (with a pro rated salary) could be negotiated for the right candidate [↑](#footnote-ref-1)