



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Office of the Provost
Chancellery

Finance Analyst (Melbourne Online)

POSITION NO	0062866
CLASSIFICATION	UOM 7
SALARY	\$106,432 - \$104,413 p.a
SUPERANNUATION	Employer contribution of 17%
WORKING HOURS	Full time (1 FTE)
BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT	Continuing
OTHER BENEFITS	https://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers/staff-benefits
HOW TO APPLY	Online applications are preferred. Go to http://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers , select the relevant option ('Current Opportunities' or 'Jobs available to current staff'), then find the position by title or number.
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Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Melbourne acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the unceded land on which we work, learn and live: the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples (Burnley, Fishermans Bend, Parkville, Southbank and Werribee campuses), the Yorta Yorta Nation (Dookie and Shepparton campuses), and the Dja Dja Wurrung people (Creswick campus).

The University also acknowledges and is grateful to the Traditional Owners, Elders and Knowledge Holders of all Indigenous nations and clans who have been instrumental in our reconciliation journey.

We recognise the unique place held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original owners and custodians of the lands and waterways across the Australian continent, with histories of continuous connection dating back more than 60,000 years. We also acknowledge their enduring cultural practices of caring for Country.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy. As a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff and students we are privileged to work and learn every day with Indigenous colleagues and partners.

Position Summary

The University's Advancing Melbourne and Advancing Students and Education strategies set out a vision to enhance Melbourne's position as a leader in higher education. Through targeted investment, Melbourne Online is the University of Melbourne's newly created online education business.

At Melbourne Online, we are not just educators; we're leaders in education, and this newly created role is key to this transformative journey. Financial integrity and strategic decision-making are paramount, and the Finance Analyst plays a crucial role in ensuring the efficiency and accuracy of our financial operations. Responsible for executing all financial transactions and managing finance services, this role ensures compliance with financial policies and procedures. Additionally, the Finance Analyst supports financial accounting, tax-related activities, and provides insightful financial analysis to inform business strategies and objectives.

The ideal candidate will possess strong financial judgement, attention to detail and the ability to collaborate effectively with internal teams, contributing to the success and growth of Melbourne Online.

1. Key Responsibilities

- ▶ Execute all financial transactions, including accounts payable and accounts receivable processes, bank reconciliations, and bookkeeping activities, ensuring accuracy and compliance with financial policies and procedures.
- ▶ Manage finance services, coordinating with internal stakeholders and external partners to address inquiries, resolve issues, and ensure the smooth functioning of finance-related processes.
- ▶ Support financial accounting and tax-related activities, collaborating with the finance team to prepare financial statements, assist with audits, and ensure compliance with tax regulations and reporting requirements.
- ▶ Provide financial analysis and insights to support decision-making processes, conducting variance analysis, trend analysis, and other financial assessments to inform business strategies and objectives.
- ▶ Assist in the development and implementation of financial controls and procedures, identifying opportunities for process improvements and efficiency enhancements.
- ▶ Collaborate with cross-functional teams and stakeholders to gather financial data, analyse trends, and prepare reports and presentations for senior leadership and stakeholders.
- ▶ Support budgeting, forecasting, and management reporting processes, assisting with the preparation of budgets, forecasts, and financial performance metrics to monitor business performance.

2. Selection Criteria

2.1 ESSENTIAL

- A tertiary qualification or equivalent in finance, accounting, business administration, or a related field; professional certification (e.g., CPA, CA) preferred.
- Proven experience in financial analysis, accounting, or finance-related roles, with a track record of executing financial transactions and supporting financial operations.
- Strong understanding of financial principles, practices, and regulations, with the ability to interpret financial data, analyse trends, and provide actionable insights.
- Proficiency in financial accounting software and Microsoft Excel, with the ability to manipulate and analyse large datasets to generate meaningful insights.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively with cross-functional teams and stakeholders at all levels of the organisation.
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy, with a commitment to producing high-quality work and ensuring compliance with financial policies and procedures.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, with a strong sense of initiative and accountability for delivering results.

3. Job Complexity, Skills & Knowledge

3.1 LEVEL OF SUPERVISION / INDEPENDENCE

The Finance Analyst operates under the guidance of the Commercial director, demonstrating independence in executing financial transactions and managing finance services.

3.2 PROBLEM SOLVING AND JUDGEMENT

High-level problem-solving skills and judgement are essential for the Finance Analyst role. They are responsible for identifying and resolving financial issues and conducting financial analysis to inform decision-making processes.

3.3 PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Finance Analyst must possess a strong understanding of financial principles, accounting practices, and tax regulations. Additionally, knowledge of organisational policies and procedures related to finance operations is necessary to ensure compliance and efficiency in financial transactions and reporting.

3.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

While the Finance Analyst may not have direct reports, they are responsible for managing financial resources effectively, including coordinating with internal stakeholders and external partners to address inquiries and resolve issues.

3.5 BREADTH OF THE POSITION

The Finance Analyst role encompasses a wide range of financial activities, including accounts payable and accounts receivable processes, bank reconciliations, bookkeeping activities, financial analysis, budgeting, forecasting, and management reporting. They collaborate with cross-functional teams and stakeholders across the organisation to support strategic decision-making and ensure financial compliance and performance.

4. Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion

The University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, bullying, vilification and victimisation. The University makes decisions on employment, promotion, and reward on the basis of merit.

The University is committed to all aspects of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and to providing all staff, students, contractors, honorary appointees, volunteers and visitors with a safe, respectful and rewarding environment free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, vilification and victimisation. This commitment is set out in the Advancing Melbourne strategy that addresses diversity and inclusion, equal employment opportunity, discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and appropriate workplace behaviour. All staff are required to comply with all University policies.

The University values diversity because we recognise that the differences in our people's age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability and

background bring richness to our work environment. Consequently, the People Strategy sets out the strategic aim to drive diversity and inclusion across the University to create an environment where the compounding benefits of a diverse workforce are recognised as vital in our continuous desire to strive for excellence and reach the targets of Advancing Melbourne.

5. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

All staff are required to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of other personnel who may be affected by their conduct.

OHS responsibilities applicable to positions are published at:

<https://safety.unimelb.edu.au/people/community/responsibilities-of-personnel>

These include general staff responsibilities and those additional responsibilities that apply for Managers and Supervisors and other Personnel.

6. Other Information

6.1 CHANCELLERY

Chancellery is led by the Vice Chancellor and has a university-wide focus on:

- Delivering strategic leadership
- Allocating capital according to strategic priorities
- Developing and overseeing a business framework that includes appropriate financial and other organisational planning and controls.
- Ensuring identity or brand is consistent with strategic intent and purpose, and
- Overseeing policies and initiatives that develop the academic and professional expertise of university staff members.

6.2 OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Led by the Provost, the Office of the Provost supports the achievement of the vision and objectives for education, people and community set out in *Advancing Melbourne 2030*. The Office of the Provost portfolio sits alongside other divisions (Research, International, Strategy & Culture, Administration & Finance) within Chancellery, and is responsible for strategic leadership in:

- Education and student experience, including curriculum, teaching and learning quality and innovation, learning technologies and spaces, student wellbeing and engagement and widening participation for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- People and community, including Human Resources, academic and professional staff careers, University community-building, diversity and inclusion for students and staff, and the Respect at Melbourne program.

- Indigenous strategy, including research, education and engagement, student and staff planning, truth-telling and cultural heritage.

The Office of the Provost works closely with Faculties, other areas of Chancellery and external partners.

6.3 THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a leading international university with a tradition of excellence in teaching and research. The main campus in Parkville is recognised as the hub of Australia's premier knowledge precinct comprising eight hospitals, many leading research institutes and a wide-range of knowledge-based industries. With outstanding performance in international rankings, the University is at the forefront of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

The University employs people of outstanding calibre and offers a unique environment where staff are valued and rewarded.

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6.4 ADVANCING MELBOURNE

The University's strategic direction is grounded in its purpose. While its expression may change, our purpose is enduring: to benefit society through the transformative impact of education and research. Together, the vision and purpose inform the focus and scale of our aspirations for the coming decade.

Advancing Melbourne reflects the University's commitment to its people, its place, and its partners. Our aspiration for 2030 is to be known as a world-leading and globally connected Australian university, with our students at the heart of everything we do.

We will offer students a distinctive and outstanding education and experience, preparing them for success as leaders, change agents and global citizens.

We will be recognised locally and globally for our leadership on matters of national and global importance, through outstanding research and scholarship and a commitment to collaboration.

We will be empowered by our sense of place and connections with communities. We will take opportunities to advance both the University and the City of Melbourne in close collaboration and synergy.

We will deliver this through building a brilliant, diverse and vibrant University community, with strong connections to those we serve.

The means for achieving these goals include the development of the University of Melbourne's academic and professional staff and the capabilities needed to support a modern, world-class university. Those means require a commitment to ongoing financial sustainability and an ambitious infrastructure program which will reshape the campus and our contribution to the communities we engage with. This strategy, and the priorities proposed, is centred around five intersecting themes: place, community, education, discovery and global.

6.5 GOVERNANCE

The Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the University and responsible to Council for the good management of the University.

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