The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni. For more than a century, we have educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

UQ ranks in the world’s top universities, as measured by several key independent ranking, including the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (45), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (52), QS World University Rankings (51), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (60). UQ again topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index; and secured a greater share of Australian Research Council grants in 2016 ($24.5 million) than any other university nationally.

UQ has an outstanding reputation for the quality of its teachers, its educational programs and employment outcomes for its students. Our students remain at the heart of what we do. The UQ experience—the UQ Advantage— is distinguished by a research enriched curriculum, international collaborations, industry engagement and opportunities that nurture and develop future leaders. UQ has a strong focus on teaching excellence, winning more national teaching excellence awards than any other in the country and attracting the majority of Queensland’s highest academic achievers, as well as top interstate and overseas students.

UQ is one of Australia’s Group of Eight, a charter member of edX and a founding member of Universitas 21, an international consortium of leading research-intensive universities.

Our 50,000-plus strong student community includes more than 13,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 12,000 international students from 144 countries, adding to its proud 230,000-plus alumni. The University has about 7,000 academic and professional staff and a $1.7 billion annual operating budget. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city. The University has six Faculties and four University-level Institutes. The Institutes, funded by government and industry grants, philanthropy and commercialisation activities, have built scale and focus in research areas in neuroscience, biomolecular and biomedical sciences, sustainable minerals, bioengineering and nanotechnology, as well as social science research.

UQ has an outstanding track-record in commercialisation of our innovation with major technologies employed across the globe and integral to gross product sales of $11billion+ (see http://uniquest.com.au/our-track-record).
UQ has a rapidly growing record of attracting philanthropic support for its activities and will have further success in this area as an important strategic aim going forward.

**PRIMARY PURPOSE**

The Accounts Payable (AP) Team Leader is accountable for the efficient and effective management and delivery of the AP support activities including customer service, end user training, compliance advice, management reporting, integrity of system environments and monitoring of staff compliance with relevant policy and procedures, processes and systems relating to Accounts Payable. This role will report to the Manager, Accounts Payable.

The AP Team Leader position sits within the Accounts Payable Team and forms part of Finance and Business Services (FBS). Therefore, the occupant will be expected to apply a combination of financial knowledge and customer service skills to support the FBS Division and University in achieving its goals.

The AP Team Leader is responsible for the administration, management and support of UQ’S payable transaction system environment, interfaces and processes. The role maintains effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders to ensure the AP team is achieving high standards of service quality, timeliness and accuracy in service delivery.

**POSITION CONTEXT**

UQ Finance is responsible for the enabling achievement of the University’s strategic ambitions by securing UQ’s financial future through expert advice, systems and support. In delivering on this, the Finance function will value professionalism and accountability. Our approach is to treat everyone with respect and to work collaboratively to deliver excellent service.

The key specialist service areas of Finance are:
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Planning and Analysis
- Financial Operations including Accounts Payable, Collections and Receivables and Client Support Services
- Professional Services teams - Advisory and Transactional Services

Finance at UQ operates within a devolved environment with Finance staff located in Professional Services teams in Faculties, Research Institutes and Central Divisions supported by Finance specialist service teams. The position is part of the Accounts Payable processing stream within the Financial Operations team for Finance.
KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Client Focused Strategy and Planning
   - Maintains working knowledge of client business strategy and operating plans and identifies the implications for AP transactions service delivery, and any requirements to ensure service quality, timeliness and accuracy by the AP team.
   - Contributes to the development of the overarching Finance client service plans through the identification of opportunities to achieve AP transactions process improvements and enhanced service delivery to clients.
   - Manages the development and alignment of business processes and standard operating procedures that relate to AP transactions processing, and implements plans for driving effective adoption across the transaction services stream.
   - Supports the implementation of AP improvement projects and initiatives that have a dependency on AP transactions processes, identifying key requirements and service delivery to meet client needs.

2. Finance Service Delivery Excellence
   - Supervises and provides daily direction to the AP team managing performance by establishing clear performance goals that engage the team to meet deadlines and perform work effectively in accordance with relevant legislation and policies.
   - Develops, coaches and mentors staff to ensure they are equipped and motivated to perform at their highest level.
   - Provides expert advice and operational support to business units regarding policies, procedures and guidelines relating to AP as well as systems that support.
   - Ensures that appropriate compliance frameworks (including policies and procedures) are monitored on an ongoing basis.
   - Responsible for effective monitoring and management of a range of operational processes including accurate data entry of invoices, match exceptions, domestic and FX payments.
   - Monitors and review the integrity and accuracy of transactions entered into financial and other systems and ensure efficient maintenance of the unit’s databases.
   - Administers the relationship with AP system vendors in accordance with their respective contracts and service agreements.
   - Supports the Manager, Accounts Payable regarding the production of Accounts Payable reporting.
3. **Key Stakeholder and Relationship Management**

- Builds and maintains effective relationships and rapport with key stakeholders across the client portfolio ensuring the delivery of high quality AP transactions services maintains alignment with key client needs.
- Manages the capture and review of client satisfaction feedback on the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Finance transactions services provided against agreed standards, identifying issues and gaps, and implementing changes and improvements.
- Engages with Finance specialist service teams and peers across the Finance Community of Practice, and other Professional Services teams, to maintain awareness of internal best practice systems and approaches that enhance the delivery of AP transaction processing services.
- Maintains effective working relationship with the Finance Operations team to provide feedback and input on system productivity, functionality, and upgrade requirements/training to ensure ongoing alignment with the volume and nature of AP transactional processing demand.
- Collaborates with key stakeholders to continually evaluate and identify areas for improvement, making recommendations on system and process improvements.
- Responds and communicates in a timely manner with relevant stakeholders regarding changes to processes or business interruptions that may impact their area.
- In collaboration with clients, identify training requirements and prepare content for delivery in user training programs.

4. **Aligned Leadership and People Management**

- Collaborates with Finance Operation colleagues to facilitate a seamless and effective interface between financial advisory and transaction activity and looks for improvement opportunities to enhance service quality, accuracy and timeliness.
- Provides leadership and management to the transaction services stream, including guidance on AP systems and processes, service improvement opportunities, and key stakeholder management requirements.
- Manages the annual performance planning and review process within the AP services stream ensuring alignment of individual goals and objectives to client service delivery requirements, Finance priorities and broader University needs.
- Delivers effective coaching and guidance to team members to establish individual development plans focused on building technical skills and professional service capability within the AP services stream, and to support career planning and talent mobility across Finance.
Effective Project and Risk Management

- Manages the escalation of complex policy issues, or sensitive client needs, associated with requests for AP transaction processing that require the expertise of the AP Manager in order to resolve and execute transactions.
- Manages effective utilisation of AP team, ensuring an efficient distribution and allocation of work load across the team provides the right capacity and mix of resources to meet the client demand for AP transactions processing services.
- Ensures the AP transaction services stream delivery risks and dependencies are managed, and mitigation plans are in place to ensure consistent and continuous delivery of AP transactions services to the client portfolio.
- Manages compliance of all AP transactions with governance protocols, ensuring that University policies and procedures, as well as legislative requirements, are followed and adopted appropriately in the client portfolio.
- Ensures that a safe working environment is in place for the team, and continuously monitors and evaluates risks and opportunities for improvement, in line with University policy and legislative / regulatory requirements.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

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<td>Client Portfolio</td>
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### SELECTION CRITERIA

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<td><strong>Extensive knowledge and experience working with Accounts Payable ERP (e.g. UniFi, Oracle) to manage and oversee end to end AP transactions and processing services.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Experience managing and supervising a team of professionals, including the organisation and allocation of work ensuring SLAs are achieved, providing technical guidance and coaching, overseeing performance, monitoring risk and quality of service delivery.</strong></td>
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The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion. Applications are particularly encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.