

## Job Description

**Job Title:** **Senior Technical Accountant**

### **About SLC**

Student Loans Company is a non-profit making Government-owned organisation set up in 1989 to provide loans and grants to students in universities and colleges in the UK. We are responsible for student support delivery in the UK.

#### **Company Mission**

We enable our customers to invest in their futures by delivering secure, accurate and efficient assessment, payment and repayment services.

#### **Company Vision**

Our vision is to be valued as a digital, customer-focused, centre of excellence.

### **Job Details**

**Grade: G5**

#### **Reporting to:**

Financial Accounting Manager

**Budget Responsibility: None**

**Line Management Responsibility: 3 direct reports**

#### **Job Purpose:**

Pivotal to the financial integrity of the organisation, this key role is responsible for delivering external reporting, corporate reporting, interpreting financial policies, implementing best practice and maintaining close relationships with our stakeholders.

#### **As a member of the Finance Team:**

Our remit is huge – one that supports around 1.6 million student finance applications a year pays out £6.6 billion in maintenance loans and grants and £5.9 billion to higher and further education providers and manages a loan book with a value of £62 billion. The growing value of the loan book is a key focus for the organisation, the loan book is becoming a significant national asset.

At the Student Loans Company, our Finance function is key to our success. Our team is responsible for ensuring we secure appropriate funding and get the best possible value for the money we spend, driving forward our continuing mission to enable our customers to invest in their futures by delivering secure, accurate and efficient assessment, payment and repayment services.

We control expenditure and provide clear and accurate management information, providing value for money from suppliers through contracts and procurement, we also mitigate the Company's exposure to financial risk

**Key responsibilities:**

- Manage the provision and distribution of accurate and timely financial returns required for management reporting, statutory, partners and stakeholders, Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, Corporation Tax, Group Accounting Policy.
- Manage the provision of information to external stakeholders, championing the use of aligned systems, processes and timelines
- Provide advice as required on pensions
- Lead the relationship with external auditors, through the coordination of timetables, provision of information and delivery of valuations.
- Manage the integrity of the Financial ERP solution, with comprehensive reconciliations and controls for system interfaces, accounting hierarchy changes and delegated authority approvals
- Manage the coordination of the year end, forecasting and budgeting cycles within SLC ensuring delivery to partner timetables and compliance with business planning instructions.
- Identify, design, develop and implement process, technology and business change improvements and lead the creation, update and approval of procedures, work instructions and documented controls that deliver financial and process benefits to stakeholders
- Build and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders.
- Coach, advise and challenging thinking to deliver a compliant and professional service that fits operating plans and processes
- Develop accounting policies to best reflect the SLCs position in line with accounting developments
- Build strong working relationships across all functions including providing training / guidance in advance of reporting periods
- Provision of technical advice and training to ensure that staff can fully utilize their potentials, systems and internal resources to complete their respective tasks effectively and efficiently
- Will identify control weaknesses during review assistance and recommend control procedures to reduce risk and develop procedures to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the group system and processes

**Knowledge, Skills and Experience:**Essential

- Experience of working in a customer focused environment.
- Ability to communicate, build relationships and influence at all levels.
- Membership of a relevant professional body, with relevant experience or possession of sufficient experience to fulfil the requirements of the role.
- Strong technical ability and proven track record with IFRS.

Desirable

- Ability to identify actions designed to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Experience of managing within a controls environment.
- ORACLE E-business Suite experience.

