



**Director of Corporate & Programme Finance,
Advanced Research and Invention
Agency (ARIA)**

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About ARIA

Launching with an £800M budget, ARIA has been founded to create transformative science and technology capabilities that will benefit the UK and help humanity thrive. We are recruiting a small team with diverse experiences and networks, who will work intensely and collaboratively to create a better future with science.

With a unique level of independence and operational flexibility, ARIA is being built to take bold and experimental steps that complement and amplify the UK's world-class research eco-system. The agency's Programme Directors will each run R&D programmes of up to £50m, creating a portfolio of ambitious projects.

Position Summary

We are looking for our first Director of Corporate & Programme Finance who will provide strategic financial planning, advice and insight across ARIA and its programmes. This individual will report to our CFO/COO.

Primary Responsibilities

- Create, develop and manage ARIA's group level financial plans, projections and scenarios
 - Provide an excellent level of financial information and analysis to the management team, Programme Directors and the Board to support optimal management of programme expenditure
 - Make informed strategic and funding recommendations to the organisation across the whole portfolio of Programmes (up to £800m)
- Build trusted and responsive strategic support to Programme Directors
 - Capture unstructured and uncertain requirements from the Programme team as they design, plan and develop ARIA's ideas into delivery plans
 - Ensure that ARIA's Programme Directors have visibility into reliable and transparent financial data on their Programme spend and forecasts
- Support ARIA in preparation of future business cases
- Inspire, develop and manage direct reports and team members and oversee the development and management of staff within the corporate and programme finance team to ensure that staff are properly trained and developed, and perform at an optimum level to provide an excellent service to the organisation
- Play an active role in developing ARIA's organisational culture, values and supporting organisational structures

The ideal candidate

- Relevant financial qualification; member of professional accounting body (CIMA, CISI, ACCA etc)
- Highly collaborative and adaptive in mindset and approach
- Experience of developing new financial constructs and delivery vehicles
- Excellent interpersonal and mentoring skills to develop inclusive and customer focussed stakeholder relationships
- Experience in Corporate Finance advisory and/or Programme reporting of a similar sized organisation
- Experience of working in the delivery of organisational strategy, ideally within a technical/scientific or project-based environment
- Comfortable with uncertainty and thrive in innovative and new situations
- Passionate about improving the world with science and highly motivated by the opportunity to build a world-changing organisation and community

Terms of appointment

Contract: Permanent.

Reports to: CFO/COO.

Salary: A competitive salary will be paid to reflect the importance of the role and the skills and experience of the successful candidate.

Location: London, with the possibility of remote working.

Candidates will either need to hold BPSS or satisfy the requirements of BPSS to apply. For further information on BPSS go to [government baseline personnel security standard](#).

Reasonable Adjustments

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments in order to support disabled job applicants and ensure that you are not disadvantaged in the recruitment and assessment process.

If you feel that you may need a reasonable adjustment to be made, or you would like to discuss your requirements in more detail, please contact: belinda.beck@saxbam.com in the first instance.

How to apply

Saxton Bampfylde Ltd is acting as an employment agency advisor to ARIA on this appointment.

Candidates should apply for this role through our website at www.saxbam.com/appointments using code **QAPASH**.

Click on the 'apply' button and follow the instructions to upload a CV and personal statement of no more than 2 pages, explaining your interest in and suitability for the role, and online equal opportunities monitoring* form.

The closing date for applications is 23rd January 2023.

* The equal opportunities monitoring online form will not be shared with anyone involved in assessing your application. Please complete as part of the application process.

Saxton Bampfylde