

Financial Aid Accountant

Recruitment #:	S2380
Review Date:	Immediate review Open until filled
Department:	Accounting & Business Services
Salary Rate:	\$3,741 - \$5,709 [Salary Steps]

About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon’s lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state’s capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state’s cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon’s oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It’s known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an emerging Hispanic Serving institution, with 37% of undergraduates being students of color.

Position Summary:

The Financial Aid Accountant is responsible for Perkins Loan program accounts, providing information for required aid reports, and handling the accounting functions for grants and scholarship accounts. This position also communicates with the financial aid office regarding disbursements, withdrawals, and returns to Title IV. This position is in the Western Oregon University office of Accounting and Business Services (ABS). ABS is responsible for the processing and reporting of all financial transactions for the campus. The operation of the office directly affects each of the institution’s employees, students, suppliers, student sponsors, employees of other state agencies, and members of the public. Operations are vital to the independent operation of the campus. The office has thirteen employees excluding students and temporary hires.

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree with CPA or PA certificate; **OR**
- Bachelor's degree with 30 quarter (20 semester) hours of college-level Accounting, **OR**
- 30 quarter (20 semester) hours of Accounting courses and three years of Accounting experience.*
- Transcripts must be submitted for all required and/or related courses. All courses must be from accredited colleges, universities, or private vocational schools.

*Accounting experience must include at least 3 of the following:

- Preparing transactions to be recorded in records of original entry;
- Preparing journal entries, posting from journals to general ledger, or preparing original general ledger entries;
- Summarizing data from a ledger to a trial balance;
- Closing accounts at the end of an accounting period;
- Applying PC spreadsheet, database, and word processing software;
- Processing data using a computer.

Required Application materials: You may submit all materials online at www.wou.edu/prostaffapp

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - classified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that addresses your qualifications for the position.
3. Resume/CV

Western Oregon University is looking for equity-minded applicants who demonstrate a sensitivity to and appreciation for the complexity of the world. We draw our strength as a community from our variety of backgrounds, abilities, cultural experiences, identities, knowledge domains and means of expression. Women, Black, Indigenous and people of color, veterans, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and people with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply for this position. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet every one of the preferred qualifications as listed.

Western Oregon University only considers visa support for Tenure Track employees placed in specialized positions that are continuing regular university appointments for multiple years.

Background/Education Check:

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

Benefits:

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities. <http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. We celebrate our inclusive work environment and encourage people of all backgrounds and perspectives to apply. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Accommodation Requests:

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you require any accommodations, please email us at employment@wou.edu and we will work with you to meet your accessibility needs.

Veterans Preference

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit

<http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

Please note that due to the volume of resumes received, we are unable to contact each applicant regarding the status of each position or reply to candidates' inquiries via phone or email.

