

Job Title: Part-Time Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Location: Remote, UK

About Protas

Protas is an independent not-for-profit organisation, designing and delivering large, global randomized clinical trials of treatments for common and other life-threatening diseases. Protas is led by the epidemiologist and physician, Professor Sir Martin Landray, who has over 20 years' experience of leading large, randomized clinical trials as part of a team at Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Population Health. Most recently, he has been co-leading the landmark RECOVERY clinical trial into treatments for COVID-19 which identified that treatment with the inexpensive steroid drug dexamethasone, improved the chances of survival for the most severe cases. It's an incredibly rewarding place to work where you'll be surrounded by supportive colleagues who are experts in their own field of excellence. It's an exciting time to start with us.

About the role

As a Part-Time CFO at Protas and member of the Executive leadership team, you will play a critical role in shaping the financial future of the company during its scale-up phase. Reporting to the CEO you will be responsible for overseeing all financial aspects of the business, providing strategic guidance, and implementing financial best practices to support Protas' growth objectives. This role offers the opportunity to work alongside truly remarkable individuals and continue to inspire change.

Key Responsibilities

As an integral part of the Executive team you will provide broader organisational leadership as well as crucial leadership to financial operations and planning.

You will oversee strategic planning, budgeting and forecasting to develop and implement long-term financial plans that support the organisation's mission and goals as well as developing the financial approach to commercial contracts with clients and partners. You'll assess financial risks, developing and implementing strategies and internal controls to mitigate them while also ensuring compliance

with financial regulations, accounting standards, and reporting requirements, including tax laws and regulations.

You will lead a high performing, integrated, inclusive and flexible finance team, developing and supporting excellence, respect and cohesion across the whole organisation, taking an active role in the promotion and embedding of a diverse and inclusive culture.

Lastly, you'll also engage with the Board on financial matters, ensuring clear communication of financial performance, risks and opportunities.

About you

You're a natural leader and strategic thinker with a commercial outlook who can align financial strategies with the organisation's mission and goals. You pride yourself on being an inspiring leader that sets an example, leading and motivating both within and outside of your own reporting line. You have exceptional communication and influencing skills with the ability to effectively collaborate with the CEO, cross-functional teams, board members, and external stakeholders alike.

Requirements

Essential:

- Qualified accountant with significant post-qualification experience
- Proven experience as a CFO or in a senior financial leadership role
- Corporate finance experience, for example: corporate structure, fundraising, tax strategy
- Track record of managing and developing high-performing teams.

Desirable:

- Clinical trials, life sciences or complex service delivery organisations
- Start-up - particularly scale up phase moving from start-up to service delivery
- Managing financials across different countries/jurisdictions

Additional Information

Protas is committed to being a diverse and inclusive organisation. We strongly encourage applications from people from all backgrounds. For disabled applicants, please contact Wasim.yousuf@etonbridgepartners.com to let us know of any adjustments we can make to support you during the recruitment process.

We are currently a primarily remote working organisation however there are expectations for office attendance, the frequency of which vary by role and team. We welcome applications from locations across the UK (applicants must have the right to work in the UK).

We are open to discussions on flexible working arrangements.

We are working in partnership with executive search agency EtonBridge Partners to recruit for this role. For more information or to apply please contact wasim.yousuf@etonbridgepartners.com