

Funds Analyst

Location: Sydney, Australia

Reporting to: Associate Director, Investor Reporting and Finance

New Forests (www.newforests.com) seeks a qualified candidate for the position of Funds Analyst. As part of our Finance team, this role will be primarily responsible for delivering fund accounting finance system improvement projects in conjunction with the Associate Director, Investor Reporting and Finance, and the Financial Controller, Fund Accounting. This is a hands-on role, ideal for a fund analyst professional looking for an exciting challenge in providing support with existing processes and to be the catalyst for change.

The Company

New Forests is a global investment manager of nature-based real assets and natural capital strategies, with AUD 10.73 billion (USD 7.3 billion) in assets under management across more than 1.2 million hectares (3.14 million acres) of investments. We manage a diversified portfolio of sustainable timber plantations and conservation areas, carbon and conservation finance projects, agriculture, timber processing and infrastructure. We aim to generate shared prosperity for our clients and the communities in which we operate and accelerate the transition to a sustainable future.

Responsibilities:

- Play a critical role in the Finance transformation to automated solutions to eliminate repetitive, redundant, and/or manual processes
- Evaluate, improve and streamline end-to-end reporting processes with Fund Accounting, Operations and Investor Relations (including greater automation, reconciliations, disaggregation of data sets, building reporting, standardised work papers and templates)
- Contribute to the greater utilisation of the data warehouse and business platform to build automated reporting
- Be a key contributor in the continuous improvement in the quality of financial data (this includes governance, control and flow of financial data)
- Systems management, including maintaining data integrity and system configuration, across all finance related systems and validating data integrity passed between various systems
- Assist with financial analysis and special projects for both internal and external clients
- Use BI tools to provide automated reporting, analytics and insights to support business decisions and performance
- Proactively seek opportunities to re-engineer or improve existing business processes, including strengthening the control environment for finance processes, preparation of process documentation and user guides for automated templates
- Liaise with the IT Business Intelligence Manager as the Finance representative for data governance, change management and data warehouse support
- Assist the finance team with financial analysis and special projects
- Providing support to the Investor Relations team:
 - Assisting with performance and return data reporting (quarterly and annually for alternative assets)
 - Liaising with our Investor Relations team to complete client enquiries requiring tailored report design
 - Responding to Investor due diligence queries

We are looking for candidates with the below qualifications and experience:

- Experience and interest in data and system transformation programs
- Undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree in Accounting/Business/Finance

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- Demonstration of process improvement/re-engineering experience to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Advanced Excel and PowerBi skills
- Advanced data reconciliation and problem-solving ability
- Understanding of fund structures and/or experience with private equity or real assets
- Familiarity with financial modelling concepts including discounted cash flow analysis and financial statements
- VBA/Macro modelling skills
- Systems accreditations
- Experience with Sage Intacct, Pigment, various finance systems and data warehouses
- An understanding of trust distributions and taxation
- Interest in/knowledge of sustainability and impact investing
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Superior attention to detail
- A team player, with strong stakeholder management skills
- Self-motivated and proactive with the ability to work independently, whilst thriving in a team environment, working towards a common goal
- Planning mindset complimented by organization, prioritization and documentation skills.

What can we offer?

Our environment is busy and supportive, and the team is professional but relaxed. If you join us, you would be joining a growing, fast paced business which is an environmental and sustainable leader in forestry investment. You will also be working with professionals who are passionate about their work!

We pride ourselves on having a supportive New Forests culture that is inclusive to all and we would love to learn how you can bring your unique skills and experience to our business. If you have experience in any of these areas, we encourage you to apply for our roles, even if you only meet some of the criteria.

To apply, please provide your resume and cover letter, explaining your interest and qualifications for the position, in PDF format, to careers@newforests.com.au

Phone calls will not be accepted.

New Forests is a Certified B Corp and an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and inclusion. We offer flexible working arrangements to all employees to support their work/life balance.