

Position Specification

Global Risk Institute in Financial Services

Director, Research

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Position	Director, Research
Company	Global Risk Institute in Financial Services
Location	55 University Avenue, Suite 1801 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7
Reporting Relationship	Managing Director, Head of Research
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COMPANY BACKGROUND / CULTURE

The Global Risk Institute (GRI) is a premier organization that defines thought leadership in risk management for the financial industry. GRI brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to draw actionable insights on risks globally.

The organization was founded in 2010 as a result of efforts by the financial industry and the Governments of Canada and the Province of Ontario to build capacity to manage and prevent risks within Canada's financial institutions and to build a global profile for the industry.

Through engagement activities with its member institutions, GRI builds integrated risk management capacity for private and public sector professionals. It also acts as a hub, stimulating evidence-based debate among regulators, practitioners and academics engaged in risk. GRI's objectives are to:

- Build risk management capacity in the financial services industry
- Leverage our convening capability to foster effective conversations among the public and private financial sectors
- Deepen and broaden our collective understanding of financial industry risks through research, education, and events
- Continue to expand our financial industry membership reach and engagement, while building our brand in risk management

GRI has become the leading forum for ideas, engagement and emerging trends in risk management in the financial services sector and is well positioned for the future. Through ongoing growth in its partnerships, membership and programming, GRI continues to build strong connections, provide critical research, education and events for risk leaders globally.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director, Research will report to the Managing Director, Head of Research. Their primary responsibility is to support the Managing Director, Head of Research in the management of both GRI's internal and external research projects and in building GRI's research strategy.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Produce innovative and original research supporting GRI's research agenda
- Help build GRI's research profile through:
 - Building out GRI's key research capabilities by oversight of the production of research deliverables
 - Speaking in GRI's programs and in non-GRI events and conferences
 - Engaging with GRI members and key stakeholders on GRI research related matters
- Manage a team of research associates/analysts, ensuring they are actively engaged in producing research and providing them with professional development
- Work with the Managing Director, Head of Research to enhance GRI's participation in research conferences, workshops, panel/roundtable discussions and international events
- Assist the Managing Director, Head of Research in identifying potential research partners at prominent universities and other research organizations
- Administer GRI's internal research portfolio
- Oversee production of GRI research deliverables, in terms of scheduling, final production and marketing
- Assist the Managing Director, Head of Research in setting internal research directions

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will require a broadly-based and integrated understanding of risk and its implications for both the financial system as a whole and for individual players, as well as the ability to communicate research findings in ways that inform and engage decision makers.

Success in the role of Director, Research will require:

- An understanding of research and its production
- Ability to work as an effective team player
- Strong relationship-building skills
- Ability to communicate effectively and professionally with a broad range of people, from academics to executives and board members at major financial institutions
- Strong organizational skills and time-management skills
- Ability to exercise sound judgment in complex situations and build consensus amidst competing priorities

- Ability to plan and execute projects and events, on time and within budget

Desirable experience:

- Approximately 10 years financial services experience, predominantly in a risk management associated function at a major financial institution
- Experience producing research or supervising research production
- Leadership experience within a risk management function or risk management industry association
- Deep understanding of the Canadian regulatory environment
- Established network within the Canadian financial institution business community

EDUCATION

Minimum Masters level qualification, preferably at a top Canadian or other internationally recognized research university

COMPENSATION

A competitive compensation package.

TO APPLY

Please apply at [\(24\) Director, Research | Global Risk Institute | LinkedIn](#)

Please note that only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted