

Position Specification

Global Risk Institute in Financial Services

Senior Research Associate

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Position	Senior Research Associate
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 global risks.

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 mitigate risks within Canada's financial institutions.

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.
- Expand and deepen our collective understanding of financial industry risks through research, education, and events.
- Grow our financial industry membership and engagement, while strengthening 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 consistently fosters robust relationships and delivers essential research, education, and events to risk leaders.

RESEARCH MANDATE

Key to the success of GRI is an ongoing program of high-quality research that is both applied and interdisciplinary in nature.

Research at GRI takes many different forms - original research, modelling, case studies and surveys. It involves disciplines as diverse as finance, economics, accounting, actuarial science, mathematics, corporate governance and management.

GRI collaborates with leading universities, industry experts, and conducts in-house research on major projects. Research is prioritized based on members' needs and aligned with GRI's key risk themes.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Research Associate will report to the Managing Director, Head of Research. The Senior Research Associate will play a key role in contributing to GRI's thought leadership by conducting insightful research in risk management and helping coordinate research projects internally and externally. The Senior Research Associate will also offer guidance and mentorship to junior researchers and assist in building GRI's network of external research partners.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Build GRI's value through our Research activities, which may include writing papers, giving presentations, participating in roundtable discussions and panels.
- Assist in coordinating research projects internally and externally.
- Contribute to building GRI's research network of external research partners.
- Complete GRI's in-house research projects independently. These projects may include academic research, benchmarking studies, analytical models, and white papers.
- Lead and participate in several industry/academic research projects with internal and external teams.
- Support all GRI research activities domestically and globally.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will require a broadly based and integrated understanding of risk with implications for the financial system as a whole and for individual players. The candidate must have the ability to communicate research findings in ways that inform and engage decision makers.

If you have the following skills and attributes, we would be interested in hearing from you:

- Expert knowledge in risk management.
- Five or more years of experience in the financial industry.
- Experience with data analysis and financial data.
- Ability to independently complete research projects with short deadlines and with internal and external partners.

- Strong written and presentation abilities, coupled with solid and proven communication skills.
- Strong team player, good organizational skills.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. or advanced degree (e.g., master's degree) in Finance, Economics, Mathematics, Actuarial Science, Engineering, Computer Science, Political Science, History (specializing in Business or Economics) or equivalently strong research analytical background is preferred.

COMPENSATION

A competitive compensation package.

TO APPLY

Please provide a short cover letter telling us why you're a great fit for the organization and this role. Include your resume and submit the package to:

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