

Position Specification

Global Risk Institute in Financial Services

Research Associate

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Position	Research Associate
Company	Global Risk Institute in Financial Services
Location	55 University Avenue, Suite 1801 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7
Reporting Relationship	Director, 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, the Bank of Canada and the provincial and federal governments to build capacity to manage and prevent risks within Canada's financial institutions and to build a global profile for the industry. There were 16 founding financial institutions, with the Governments of Canada, Ontario, TD Bank Group and Manulife Financial acting as core sponsors.

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.

RESEARCH MANDATE

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

Research will take many different forms - original research, modelling, case studies and surveys. It will involve disciplines as diverse as finance, economics, accounting, actuarial science, mathematics, corporate governance and management.

Major research projects are undertaken with select universities, industry experts and in-house at GRI. Research will be undertaken where it meets member needs. Research that falls under one of GRI's key risk themes is a priority.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research Associate will report to the Director of Research. His/her primary responsibility is to conduct in-house research projects and participate in external research projects supported by GRI.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Build GRI's value through our Research activities
- Complete GRI's in-house research projects independently. These projects may include academic research, benchmarking studies, and whitepapers
- Support all GRI research activities domestically and globally
- Lead and participate in several Industry/academic research efforts with internal and external teams

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will require a broadly based and integrated understanding of risk with implications for the 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:

- Strong programming skills (i.e., C++, Matlab, R, Python, etc.)
- Independent research ability
- Modelling experience (formulating and solving) and working with large amounts of financial data
- Strong written and presentation skills, solid and proven communication skills
- Strong team player, good organizational skills
- Ability to complete research projects in short deadlines
- Work experience in the financial industry is an advantage
- Expert knowledge in the area of risk management will be an asset

EDUCATION

Ph.D. degree in Math, Math Finance, Statistics, Computer Science or equivalently strong quantitative background.

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:

Bruce Choy
Managing Director, Research
bchoy@globalriskinstitute.org

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