

Position Specification

# **Global Risk Institute in Financial Services**

**Director, Research**

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<b>Position</b>	Director, Research
<b>Company</b>	Global Risk Institute in Financial Services
<b>Location</b>	55 University Avenue, Suite 1801 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7
<b>Reporting Relationship</b>	Managing 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 and the federal government 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, Research. His/her primary responsibility is to support the Managing Director, Research in the management of both GRI's internal and external research projects and in building GRI's research strategy.

### Specific responsibilities include:

- 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
- Work with the Managing Director, Research to enhance GRI's participation in research conferences, workshops, panel/roundtable discussions and international events
- Assist the Managing Director, Research in identifying potential research partners at prominent universities and other research organizations
- Development of GRI's strategic foresight capability
  - Build a strategic foresight program to facilitate identification of emerging and future risks and opportunities
  - Advocate the use of strategic foresight methods for GRI members for risk management
  - Foster relationships and explore partnerships with leading foresight organizations
- Administrate GRI's internal research portfolio
  - Oversee production of GRI research deliverables, in terms of scheduling, final production and marketing
  - Assist the Managing Director, Research in setting internal research directions and management of the internal research team

## 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:

- 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
- 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 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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Director, Finance  
[sang@globalriskinstitute.org](mailto:sang@globalriskinstitute.org)

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