



POSITION PROFILE

Management
Accountant



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The centre for Engineering Precision Innovation in farming

Aiming to revolutionise
farming & food systems
through precision technology

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Agri-EPI Centre (short for Agricultural Engineering Precision Innovation Centre) is one of four Agri-Tech centres ([Agri-Tech Centres](#)) established by the UK government in 2015. Agri-EPI Centre focuses on the delivery of research, development, demonstration and training on precision agriculture and engineering for the livestock, arable, horticulture and aquaculture sectors. Agri-EPI receive £5.8m government funding and are headquartered in Edinburgh.

Agri-tech is the use of technology for farming that is developed to improve efficiency and profitability and Agri-EPI Centre is the 'go to' enabler of innovation in precision agriculture.

They are a member-based organisation and currently work with more than 200 members to deliver Research and Development projects in agriculture by way of our four UK Hubs (Edinburgh, Newport - Shropshire, Shepton Mallet - Somerset and Cranfield - Bedfordshire) - each developing its own distinct Agri-Tech focus.

Agri-EPI have also invested in a Farm Network in the UK and internationally. The farms are testbeds for research and development to aid the development of solutions that improve productivity and operational efficiency within the sector. The network measures variances in production yields within each farming system using cutting-edge precision agriculture equipment and sensors.

The Agri-EPI Centre Vision is Transforming, driving growth and supporting innovative solutions to help farmers and agri-food businesses become more sustainable and profitable. Their work is about providing scientifically robust and commercially viable solutions to improve productivity and sustainability within the food production system using cutting-edge precision technologies, robotics and autonomous solutions and engineering technologies, and using data to reduce variance at producer level.





Job Title: Management Accountant

Reports to: Director of Finance

Agri-EPI are looking to appoint a new hands-on Management Accountant on a permanent basis. It is essential that this individual demonstrates the capabilities of being an effective finance professional with a keen eye for detail. It is also important to have a good level of knowledge of accounting principles focusing on processing, preparing and reporting on month-end accounts.

The successful individual will be a part or fully qualified accountant (ACCA, CIMA, or equivalent) with a proven track record of preparing management accounts whilst working closely on budgets and forecasts. It is suited to experience within a charitable, public sector, academic or SME commercial organisation.

This is a varied role where no two days are the same. The post-holder will be required to attend their state-of-the-art premises to perform their duties (in combination with flexible working), as well as visit their other sites across the UK. As well as working with some amazing colleagues across Agri-EPI, they offer a range of other benefits to ensure our staff feel as valued as they are.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Produce management accounts, budgets, forecasts and financial analysis
- Prepare Balance Sheet and Income Statement reconciliations
- Prepare, review and submit VAT returns
- Maintain the fixed asset register, recording additions, disposals and impairments
- Assist with the preparation of the cash flow plans, budgets and forecasting
- Assist with Corporation Tax and R&D tax credit calculations



The successful candidate will be a part or fully qualified accountant who is extremely hands-on, with excellent finance capabilities and commercial acumen to support the ongoing development of both the finance team and the business as a whole.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities:

- Experienced Finance professional with good interpersonal skills
- Strong financial analysis skills
- Ability to effectively manage a demanding workload
- Able to solve problems and recommend improvements to existing processes
- Strong Microsoft Excel skills
- Previous experience in a grant-funded organisation is preferred, but not essential





Salary:	£35,000 - £45,000 per annum, depending on experience and a study package is available if required
Contract type:	Permanent
Location:	Edinburgh Hub, Agri-EPI Centre Ltd. Northern Agri-Tech Innovation Hub, Easter Bush, Midlothian, EH25 9RG. Option to also work from the Newcastle Office
Working hours:	Normal working week of five days (Monday to Friday) comprising of 37 hours (excluding lunch breaks). Staff may be expected to attend occasional evening and weekend meetings / events. Reasonable notice will be given and the post holder may take compensatory time off in lieu (known as TOIL)

For more information on remuneration, please contact Will Dodds at Rutherford Cross.



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The Recruitment Process

- First round interviews are with our retained advisor Will Dodds at Rutherford Cross
- Second round interviews are with selected stakeholders and shareholders
- Applications should be sent to Will Dodds at Rutherford Cross at willdodds@rutherfordcross.com