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Leading the academic agenda of the university during and post Covid-19 into the future requires a unique combination of the following critical skills: strong visionary leadership that can anticipate and manage disruption, strong interpersonal and communication skills, advanced digital literacy, strategic collaborative thinking and foresight, adaptability and decisiveness.

Academic Partners has been exclusively mandated to identify and assess talent for the following key position.

Vice-Principal Finance and Business Enterprises

You are a highly respected Chartered Accountant of South Africa, and member of the South African Institute for Chartered Accountants (SAICA). As a CA (SA), you have a minimum of 10-years' relevant experience with at least 5-years' experience in a senior management role. Any other relevant business-related qualification at Master's level in addition to a CA (SA) will be an added advantage.

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Your strength of character, business acumen, diplomacy and overall effectiveness in communicating in a complex environment has earned you the respect you deserve and is befitting of you joining the UNISA Executive team. As a seasoned executive, your strategic leadership is admirable. As with all aspects of your responsibilities, you are an adaptable out of the box thinker, influencer and consensus driven leader who drives change. In a nutshell, you are futuristic in your overall outlook.

Your financial management skills are unquestionable. Your ability to apply IFRS is crucial, as is your thorough understanding of risk management. Your short- medium- and long-term planning is of similar standing, which allows you to make meaningful forecasts to ensure the continued financial sustainability of the institution.

When it comes to third-stream revenue generation, you are innovative, entrepreneurially minded and dynamic in your approach. You have an innate ability to interact with, understand and find common ground with constituent stakeholders – students, labour bodies and similar.

You lend your full support to transformation, B-BBEE, diversity and inclusivity, respecting the institution's charter and long-term strategic initiatives.

Your conceptual knowledge of the higher education environment is advantageous. A particular strength is your understanding and adherence to good corporate governance (King IV) and ethics in all areas of operation, but more so in the area of supply chain management.

You are confident in engaging with Council and its various committees, such as the Finance, Investment and Estates Committee of Council and the Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committees of Council, giving expert advice as required.

The executive team of Academic Partners stands eager and willing to assist applicants with every level of support in making application. In the first instance, please provide this team with a letter of motivation for your candidature together with a detailed Curriculum Vitae, before the closing date of 21 August 2020 to vpfinance.unisa@talenting.co.za.

For further information please visit: <https://www.executivetalenting.co.za/job/ap590-vice-principal-finance-and-business-enterprises/> or <https://www.unisa.ac.za/vacancies>

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