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Position: Programme Associate Reports to: Programme Director Location: Hong Kong *Candidates must have the right to work in Hong Kong *Candidates must submit a cover letter with CV

Are you a self-starter interested in building a regional career?

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Job Description

As **Programme Associate**, you will support the successful planning, design, delivery and continuous improvement of GIFT's executive education programmes and advisory projects. Reporting to the Programmes Director, working closely with others on the programmes team, and with oversight from management, you will work to develop projects, manage logistics and be involved in all aspects of the planning and execution of GIFT's public and custom programmes. Executive education programmes include in-person experiential courses, outcome driven workshops, blended-learning, and online programmes. Advisory projects may comprise sustainability advisory, strategy and policy development and stakeholder engagement.

Programme management includes:

- Activity planning, sequencing, and prioritising to ensure key milestones and objectives are met throughout the programme or project planning process
- Coordination, communication, and relationship management with internal and external stakeholders including GIFT team members, clients, participants, experiential field-project partners and stakeholders, vendors, suppliers, etc.
- Research and writing to produce high quality concept papers, client proposals, reports and programme collaterals, and to develop socially impactful business or policy projects in collaboration with clients, project partners and other stakeholders
- Documentation of programme and project outcomes to ensure project objectives are met and delivered to project partners and clients
- Overseeing planning and delivery logistics including enrolments, travel, accommodations, and venues
- Budgeting and cost management to ensure strong financial performance of all programmes

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Skills and Qualifications

- At least 2-3 years' work experience, preferably with a focus on project management, consulting, policy, client relations and/or business communications
- MBA or master's degree in a technical field is an advantage
- Fluency in English required; Cantonese &/or Mandarin or fluency in other Asian language is a plus
- **Project management skills** to ensure processes run smoothly; includes the ability to work independently, handle multiple projects simultaneously, manage budgets, prioritise, document and ensure agreed project outcomes are delivered
- Interpersonal skills, including self-confidence, relationship management, effective and clear communication, active listening, the ability to collaborate well as part of a team, and to manage expectations of key internal and external stakeholders
- **Research and writing** to produce high quality presentations, briefing notes, client materials, reports, and to refine project outputs including business plans, feasibility studies, policy proposals, etc.
- **Conceptual thinking** to be able to understand abstract ideas and connect the dots between disparate and macro insights to create new ideas and reflect on past decisions
- **Problem-solving** to gather information, weigh the associated pros and cons and then formulate the best solution for participants, clients, project partners and GIFT
- **Time management** to create programme timelines, maintain deadlines and meet key milestones throughout the programme lifecycle
- **Negotiation and conflict management** to negotiate mutually beneficial agreements and resolve potential conflict or setbacks with suppliers, clients, colleagues, and other key stakeholders
- **Technologically savvy** hands-on experience with all Microsoft 365 applications and familiarity with online education and collaborative tools such as LMS, Slack, and video conferencing platforms

Benefits of the Role

- A fulfilling and challenging position within a dynamic, purpose-driven company that asks you to think, discover, learn, and grow, with truly regional focus and exposure
- Constructive, stimulating, and fun work environment that emphasises new ideas and personal initiative
- Chance to work on influential projects for government and business with far-reaching social impact
- · Opportunity to travel for client work to enhance professional exposure and broaden worldview
- Contribute to the personal growth and transformation of programme participants, as well as the organisational transformation of client companies and government agencies
- Competitive remuneration and employment benefits; ample room for career growth in a regional role and with a global mindset

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to enquiry@global-inst.com

All information provided will be used for recruitment purposes only

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