At Standard Life we believe everyone should have a future to look forward to, and that means looking after our customers, our shareholders, and our people. We'll help you grow and progress by acknowledging your talent, and rewarding you well. In return, you'll give us your energy, enthusiasm and the drive to deliver results. That way, we all have a promising future.

As one of the world’s largest financial services companies, our mission is to maximise sustainable, high quality returns for our shareholders and customers – and build a more prosperous world.

In a business underpinned by customer and financial data, our vision is to put data and analytics at the heart of all aspects of our approach to internal audit. We are building a team who recognise, understand and can maximise the value of data analytics to our key stakeholders; Board/Group Audit Committee, the business, the regulators and the Group Internal Audit (GIA) team. We want to be recognised by our stakeholders and our peers as leading users of analytics in internal audit; with the use of analytics being actively considered for every audit.

In short, we want to be at the forefront of the use of data and analytics in Standard Life. You will have a vital part to play in helping ensure the assurance provided by GIA aligns to the strategic priorities and key risks facing Standard Life.

We want to build a capability that:

- Enhances confidence in our audit work, and the integrity of business data,
- Allows us to better assess the impact and root causes of issues identified,
- Enables us to create greater insight into the risks and controls of the business, and
- Improves the efficiency of all aspects of GIA’s assurance activity.

Educated to degree level, with relevant experience or professional qualifications, you should bring a track record of problem solving, delivering data driven reporting / understanding / insight, as well as influencing action for change. You will be able to demonstrate an ability to see connections and to position information in a strategic context.

You will report to the Audit Manager (Data Analytics), supporting and leading data specific audits, sharing technical expertise across GIA, whilst overcoming demanding timescales and operational challenges. You will build knowledge and contribute to the development of Data Analytics, enhancing GIA’s talent and capabilities.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Delivery:**

- Identify opportunities to lead Data Analytics focused audits and support the delivery of audits across GIA,
- Regularly communicate with Lead Auditors ahead of and throughout audits to ensure that data acquisition and testing is conducted within appropriate timescales,
- Engage with Lead Auditors and the business through audit scoping and planning stages to build clear and useful data testing plans,
• Partner with Lead Auditors in interpreting and influencing the outcomes of testing, ensuring audit findings are carefully formulated to mitigate risk and add value,
• Communicate technical testing and findings to BU stakeholders in clear, understandable language, and
• Develop and nurture data and analytics networks across Standard Life.

Standards
• Maintain an up to date view of planned and actual time recording, to support GIA planning and delivery,
• Deliver audits in accordance with GIA Audit Methodology and Data Analytics Methodology,
• Seek opportunities for individual and team development in methodology, approach, techniques and tools,
• Support the Audit Manager (Data Analytics) in building a flexible and responsive programme of Data Analytics audits and audit support,
• Build and project knowledge in tools and techniques in data, analytics and audit, and
• Own and proactively advance self-learning activity through professional and personal development.

Qualifications

Essential
• Extensive experience working with data and related tools (e.g. data mining, analytic techniques, modelling, visualisation software, SAS, SQL, etc.),
• Experience of audits/controls assurance reviews within a financial services operation and/or investment management context,
• Proven ability to problem solve, delivering data driven reporting / understanding / business insights, as well as influencing action for change,
• Ability to see connections and to position information in a strategic context,
• Educated to degree level, with relevant experience or professional qualifications,
• Excellent written and oral communication skills in any environment,
• Open relationship management skills, with a track record of engaging and influencing key stakeholders, and
• Capability to adapt and deliver in a fast-moving commercial environment.

Desirable
• Experience of risk management frameworks or working in a risk management environment, CISA qualified or similar OR familiar with ITIL/COBIT frameworks OR programming experience, and
• Sound knowledge and experience of the investment management or pensions industry, and the current regulatory environment.
• Undergraduate Degree (or equivalent) with relevant experience or professional qualifications.

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