

# FINANCIAL ANALYST

A financial analyst looks at various parts of a company's finances in order to help them make better financial decisions.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Support planning and forecasting processes as well as strategic budget planning
- Develop and recommend broad financial policies and exercise control over all finance and accounting functions of the company
- Prepare, evaluate and monitor capital expenditure projects and long-term financial plans, and also the investment of liquid assets in short-term investments
- Provide analytical support on business results and achieving financial targets via data-driven insights and recommendations
- Provide financial support to procurement group in analysis and planning of purchasing
- Drive the budgeting process for capital expenditures, assuring quality and integrity of data
- Collaborate with personnel with budget responsibility to ensure the understanding of process and outcome
- Ensure month-end corporate financial and tax reporting requirements are met
- Assist in the design, development and implementation of savings initiatives, including management reporting and audit procedures
- Benchmark business metrics within the industry
- Collaborate on the development of final budget book and presentation materials that meet management's needs, including its presentation of budget information to the Board of Directors
- Manage forecasting to include detailed department level review of future cost trends
- Advise management of financial processes to ensure proper controls exist



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A bachelor's degree or higher in agricultural business, accounting or finance

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, mathematics, English, business courses and statistics

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Small to large-scale agricultural organizations

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Financial Analysts
- Association for Financial Professionals
- The American Accounting Association

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$65,000