Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: Tax Accountant
Job Code: KA40
FLSA status: Exempt

Performs tax accounting activities to ensure Auburn University meets its tax obligations and objectives.

Essential Functions

1. Performs tax accounting activities related to the preparation of federal, state and local income tax returns and/or the financial statement accounting for income taxes; prepares the university’s IRS form 990-T Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT).
2. Prepares comprehensive tax work papers, account reconciliations, responses to audit requests, research memos and/or correspondence and maintains records related to income tax returns and reports.
3. Performs review of University revenue transactions and prepares applicable monthly sales tax reporting.
4. Ensures tax exempt debt issued by the university remains in compliance with federal tax law.
5. Revises procedures by developing and streamlining procedures and worksheets for calculation of tax provisions.
6. Continues development of fundamental knowledge of tax laws, rulings, regulations and judicial decisions affecting Universities; assists in training faculty, staff and students on tax related matters.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.
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<td>Under general supervision, performs varied duties and assignments involving some judgment. Resolves routine questions or problems, referring only complex issues to higher level. Some evaluation, originality and ingenuity required.</td>
<td>Knows and applies fundamental concepts, practices and procedures of particular field of specialization.</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience.</td>
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<td>Under minimal supervision, performs complex assignments and fulfills broad responsibilities where required outcomes are defined, but methods and procedures may vary based on professional judgment or precedent. Considerable latitude for unreviewed action. Confers with supervisor on unusual matters. Coordinates the work of others on projects and may assign work to and assist less experienced professionals or support staff. May act in an advisory capacity to managers or faculty.</td>
<td>Knows and applies advanced concepts, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization, with awareness of related fields.</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Under general guidance, plans, conducts and leads complex assignments and areas of functional responsibility. Acting with substantial latitude for unreviewed action, applies broad subject matter expertise to solution of significant issues or development of new programs, services, processes or other initiatives to meet the University’s goals in a specific area. Recommends changes in procedures or policies, and leads change initiatives to completion, often persuading or coordinating work of others outside own department.</td>
<td>Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of a particular field of specialization to the completion of difficult assignments. Also possesses knowledge of related fields and areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 6 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.</td>
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* See the "Minimum Required Education and Experience" section of the job description for any substitutions that may be allowed for education and experience.
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**Minimum Required Education and Experience**

**Level I**  
Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience.

**Level II**  
Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

**Level III**  
Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 6 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

**Focus of Education**  
Degree in Accounting

**Focus of Experience**  
Professional accounting experience in financial reporting with an emphasis on taxation.

**Substitutions allowed for Education:**
Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

**Substitutions allowed for Experience:**
When a candidate has the required education, but lacks the required experience, they may normally apply additional appropriate education toward the experience requirement, at a rate of one (1) year relevant education per year of required experience.

**Minimum Required Knowledge**
Knowledge of federal and state tax codes, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual (FARM).

**Certification or Licensure Requirements:**
Certified Public Accountant

**Physical Requirements/ADA**
No unusual physical requirements. Requires no heavy lifting, and nearly all work is performed in a comfortable indoor facility.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires sitting, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands.

Job occasionally requires standing, walking, reaching, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, and lifting up to 25 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

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