

Project Manager (12-Month Contract)

Thomson Foundation is a British non-profit devoted to encouraging truthful and unbiased journalism as a way of promoting civil society. It has a 50-year track record of training journalists in ethical standards and quality reporting in more than 100 countries. It works with media organisations, governments, civil society organisations and commercial bodies, principally in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, who wish to sponsor professional standards in communications. The foundation is independent and non-political.

Thomson is looking for a full-time project manager to organise the planning, implementation and reporting of donor projects for the Thomson Foundation and its associated German entity, Thomson Media gGmbH.

Reports to: Operations Manager.

Key working relationships with Director of Development and Head of Finance.

Based: London (flexible working. 37.5-hour week).

Key responsibilities:

- Set up and manage logistics and financial support framework for projects funded by governmental, philanthropic or commercial donors.
- Monitor performance against budget and work with key stakeholders to keep projects on, or below, budget.
- Planning and implementing project activities with clients and local partners.
- Provide assistance in planning and scheduling of accounting tasks/payments for managed projects.
- Draft and issue contracts for project consultants
- Ensure projects work to optimum efficiency by accurately capturing the use and allocation of all internal and external resources– staff, contractors, equipment, etc.
- Coordinate and manage project teams both remotely and on-site
- Provide technical backstopping, reporting of results, financial and staffing usage internally and to donors/funders.
- Share learning and good practice between projects
- Assist with preparing and writing proposals for donor-funded media projects
- To undertake other duties as required by your managers from time to time
- To work flexibly with other members of the team

Key skills:

- At least 2+ years of first-hand experience of project management of large-scale media-related projects for governmental, philanthropic or media industry funders – ideally all three.
- Highly organised and able to work independently, keep oversight of multiple projects, with ability to keep calm under pressure
- Highly numerate with a very strong eye for detail
- Advanced knowledge of Excel and financial reporting requirements for governmental, philanthropic or media funders
- Maintain regular communication with both internal and external stakeholders.
- Good people skills, and collaborative working style.
- Appreciation of different national and regional cultures globally.

Desirable skills:

- Strong interest in media and media development
- Fluent in English and at least one other language, ideally Russian or Arabic.
- Prepared to work flexibly during peak and off-peak times.
- Ability to support media development projects in other practical ways, as required.

Please send your CV and a covering letter, detailing how you meet the criteria, to jobs@thomsonfoundation.org by 5pm on 15th November 2020.

Only successful applications will be contacted, and interviews will take place via Zoom.

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