

ARTISTIC FREEDOM INITIATIVE

AFI Seeks Director of Operations Starting Fall 2022

ABOUT AFI

Led by immigration and human rights attorneys, Artistic Freedom Initiative (AFI) facilitates pro bono immigration representation and resettlement assistance for international artists who are persecuted or censored.

Dedicated to safeguarding the right to artistic freedom, AFI was founded on the notion that artists are uniquely situated to positively and powerfully effect change, provided their voices can be heard. As artists are increasingly censored, imprisoned, restricted from moving freely across borders, tortured, or even killed, it is more critical than ever that we safeguard the right to artistic freedom and zealously champion the courageous artists who exercise it.

To this end, AFI directly assists artists who have experienced persecution, censorship, or other restrictions on their freedom of expression, and supports artists who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing progressive social change and fundamental human rights.

We work with immigrant artists to champion art produced in exile, advance creative cultural exchange, improve conditions for artists in their home countries, and safeguard their ability to express themselves creatively through the arts.

Organizational Background and Job Purpose

The Director of Operations (DO) position was created at a pivotal moment in AFI's growth. Reporting to the Co-Executive Directors, the DO will define and implement the internal operations infrastructure needed to support the organization's continued growth and sustainability with the support of the Coordinator of the Programs and Operations. The DO will ensure compliance with state and federal laws pertaining to nonprofit organizations, manage financial, accounting, and human resource systems, and supervise operations staff. As a member of the senior management team, the DO will be involved in strategic planning, program evaluation, professional development initiatives, and board management.

Duties and Responsibilities

COMPLIANCE:

- Ensure compliance with state and federal laws and policies pertaining to organizations with staff and programs in multiple states and countries
- Ensure compliance with state and federal laws regarding charitable giving and solicitations
- Ensure accounting and financial statements adhere to GAAP

- Ensure compliance with nonprofit policies and best practices, including document retention, digital security, conflict of interest, and whistleblower protection
- Ensure compliance with nonprofit policies and best practices in board governance and development

FINANCE:

- Work with Co-Executive Directors and Board of Directors to ensure the financial health and integrity of the organization
- Lead annual budget process, support program budget management, conduct financial forecasting and oversight of organizational cashflow, and prepare documentation for annual audit
- Ensure sound financial management and optimize finance and accounting policies, internal controls, and reporting across increasingly diverse funding streams, including earned revenue, charitable contributions, government, and foundation funding
- Maintain bookkeeping, including tracking and recording all revenue and expenses across all operations and programs in Quickbooks, managing all invoicing and payments for staff and independent contractors, etc.
- Develop grant, program, and organizational budgets and oversee grants management; ensure that expenditures are documented, consistently aligned with budgets, and timely reported
- Ensure that the timely completion of external audits and 990
- Communicate with the Board to discuss monthly financial statements; provide support as needed; attend Board of Director's meeting to present financial matters

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Manage human resource functions for the organization, including staff payroll and payments to domestic and international contractors
- Maintain secure personnel files for staff
- Oversee employee onboarding, including new hire paperwork and orientation for staff
- Upon resignation or termination, assist with employee exit management
- Manage employee benefit programs, including health insurance, retirement, paid family leave, and other benefits
- Oversee employee enrollments, billing, and annual renewal
- Develop an employee handbook; ensure compliance with state and federal employment laws, as well as provide recommendations for competitive employee compensation/benefit plans
- Revise employee review process and ensure its compliance with best practices, and the timely completion of employee reviews for all staff
- Support Co-Executive Directors with updates to COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols
- Develop and implement equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives to guide organizational culture within and in the expansion of our growing team
- Support development of training programs to educate staff regarding policies and procedures

- Develop initiatives to actively and positively shape organizational culture, including the planning of team building days throughout the year
- Develop initiatives to improve employee retention, including tracking professional development and growth opportunities for all staff members

OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION:

- Supervise the Coordinator of Programs and Operations
- Maintain organizational insurance policies, equipment leases, and contracts with vendors
- Support technology overall, and ensure financial and IT security systems are in place
- Support internal communications and coordination of operations tasks

Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in Business, Management, Finance, or related experience
- 5 to 8 years of senior management experience, preferably working across finance, legal, audit, operations, human resources, and programs
- Demonstrated expertise in managing organizational financial activity and systems, including budgeting, multi-year forecasting, accounting, cash flow, and reporting
- Experience with QuickBooks Online, Intuit Payroll and integrations with other systems
- Demonstrated resourcefulness in setting priorities, creating efficiencies, developing systems, and guiding investment in people and systems
- Experience with human resources administration
- Staff management/supervisory experience
- Detail-oriented with a high level of accuracy while multi-tasking
- Excellent people skills, with experience collaborating in a multidisciplinary, diverse team
- Alignment with social justice values, including commitment to race equity and constituent voice
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and commitment to AFI's mission

Preferred Qualifications include:

- MBA, CPA, or equivalent experience
- Nonprofit management experience or certifications
- Lived experience as an immigrant and/or artist

Compensation/Benefits

This is full-time, director-level position. Salary range is \$70,000–\$85,000, dependent on education and professional experience. This is a full-time, exempt position. Paid time off and paid holidays.

Benefits include health insurance (medical/dental/vision), 12 days PTO, 6 paid sick days, 2 personal days, and a hybrid-remote work schedule. Candidates are expected to reside within the tri-state area.

AFI's COVID-19 Health Policy and Protocols require COVID-19 vaccination and booster shots (when eligible).

Application Instructions

Applicants must email jobs@artisticfreedominitiative.org and attach the following documents in a single PDF file:

1. Resume/CV;
2. Cover letter describing the applicant's qualifications, experience, and skills for the position and interest in supporting the advancement of AFI's mission and programs

Applications will be accepted into the position is filled. Preferred start date: September 1, 2022, or earlier.

Artistic Freedom Initiative is committed to promoting diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity for all employees and applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, heritage, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex status.