



Senior Analyst – Nature

Location: Hybrid (home working / London office) – with potential travel opportunities

Start date: June 2024

Role: fixed-term contract until December 2025

About the Green Finance Institute (GFI):

Founded in 2019 to accelerate the deployment of finance towards a net zero and resilient economy, the GFI is an independent, commercially focused and philanthropically-financed organisation, seed funded by the UK Government and the City of London Corporation.

The GFI has already established a leading and differentiated position based on a distinct strategy of identifying impactful interventions to unlock barriers to deploying capital at pace and scale towards sector specific, real-economy outcomes such as the energy efficiency of buildings, decarbonisation of road transport, nature-based financial solutions, international carbon markets and developing markets' climate smart infrastructure.

Through both creating and managing networks of dynamic decision makers across financial services, policy, business, academia and civil society, the GFI is renowned for its practical financial expertise, efficient project execution and generous collaboration, increasingly positioning the organisation as a partner of choice for both policy-makers and market participants to connect political ambition and industry objectives with well-designed solutions for the financial sector both in the UK and overseas.

About the role

The GFI Nature team's mission to date has been on the mobilisation of private finance into nature-positive activities and nature restoration for the UK. The programme has done this by supporting the development of:

- a pipeline of over 150 projects and solutions that create nature-positive outcomes that can attract private sector finance;
- financial sector/corporate demand for nature-based projects and solutions including through the UK TNFD National Consultation Group; and

- policy and regulatory environments that support the growth and confidence in private investment in nature/nature markets.

We are now seeking an enthusiastic Senior Analyst to join our Nature programme, supporting our emerging international work. As a key member of the Institute's growing nature team, you will be working specifically on both domestic and international nature markets. This is a newly created role, working on a funded project of work, to support COP15 signatories to understand and implement models and markets that unlock private sector capital into nature restoration and conservation and help them meet their Target 19 commitments. You will gain exposure to a range of stakeholders including policy makers, project developers and the private sector across (predominantly) developing countries.

This role will be part of a three-person team within the broader nature team.

This is an exciting role for someone who has already gained relevant experience within the finance sector or other relevant sector, looking to rapidly develop a career in the emerging area of nature-based investing and natural capital. You will work with experts across the UK nature finance space, as well as expanding the team's international networks.

The Institute's nature team is in growth mode and as such this role would suit a passionate self-starter who is focused on delivery, with support from the team. You are not expected to have prior experience within natural capital and will be supported in upskilling and building your knowledge in this sector. However, a passion for the natural environment is crucial.

You will be expected to build your stakeholder management skills and be confident in developing new ideas to support the team. Ability to co-ordinate multiple projects will also be important, and you must be comfortable working in a flexible way.

Responsibilities

Your responsibilities will include supporting stakeholder convening, undertaking research and analysis, developing content, and supporting the team's programmes of work.

The role is designed to fully immerse you in the day-to-day activities of the programme's projects.

In this role you will rapidly gain a wide range of skills and experience in a fast-paced and exciting environment. Collaboration with industry, government, civil society and academia domestically and internationally is a key element of this role and we're looking for team members who will thrive in a dynamic environment where creative thinking, communication and time management skills are essential.

The main responsibilities of the role include:

- Undertaking research and analysis – including report writing.
- Building your expertise in nature revenue models and investment opportunities.
- Supporting the delivery of multiple projects simultaneously, with the support of the team.
- Creating high-quality presentations to support the programme's work.
- Collaborating with stakeholders across financial services, industry, academia and government.
- Being a team player who is proactive and self-motivated with a strong work ethic and a 'can do' attitude.

You need to have:

- At least 2 years' relevant experience
- Excellent written communication
- High level of proficiency in MS PowerPoint
- Strong organisation and project management skills, capable of handling multiple projects / tasks.
- An ability to meet deadlines, logically tackle problems and set priorities.
- High attention to detail and demonstrable research and analytical skills.
- Excellent problem-solving skills.
- Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills with broad range of stakeholders.

- Ability to distil and interpret complex information into clear and concise outputs and relate findings to team objectives.
- The ability to be adaptable and comfortable working in a fast-paced, agile, start-up environment.
- A genuine passion for the natural environment.

Desirable:

- Interest in UK environmental policy.
- Experience in international development and/or nature-based revenue models i.e. carbon markets, biodiversity credits, water credits.
- Green or sustainable finance qualification or experience.

If this sounds like you:

To apply - please submit your CV and a short cover letter (of no more than two sides). Your cover letter should include details of:

- your relevant work / educational experience.
- your skills and in particular your experience that is relevant to this role.
- how you meet the broader requirements of the role.

CVs without a cover letter will not be considered.

The closing date for applications is **9am on 25th April 2024**. Please submit your application to recruitment@gfi.green

Please note:

- *If you do not already hold the right to work in the UK and/or require sponsorship in order to continue working here, you should think carefully before applying.*
- *The Green Finance Institute is an equal opportunity employer and we value diversity. If you are invited to interview and need any reasonable adjustments during the interview process, please let us know.*