**Job Description:**

Staff Accountant (Co-Op / Internship)

Summary:

Reporting to the WAM Director, this co-op / internship role will be responsible for the monthly production of financial results focusing on the Retirement Plan Services and John Hancock Investments business units from the US Division and select WAM legal entities from the Canadian Division.  The role is focused on deliverables related to the monthly close and financial reporting, primarily focusing on journal entries, account reconciliations and trend analysis.

Responsibilities:

* Assist in the preparation of complete and accurate monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements
* Responsible for the completion of select WAM journal entries and associated account reconciliations
* Maintain control documentation and prepare audit requests related to internal and external audit requirements
* Responsible for developing monthly and quarterly income statement and balance sheet trend analysis reports used to complete the income and balance sheet fluctuation analysis
* Build networks and relationships with various groups within WAM to meet or exceed business objectives

Qualifications:

* Pursuit of an undergraduate degree in concentrating in Accounting or Finance
* Prior internship or co-op experience in a finance role preferred
* Proven ability to thrive in a fast paced, high-performing, and collaborative team environment while managing multiple, constantly changing priorities and ad-hoc requests
* Knowledge of general ledger reporting tools and systems
* Extensive experience with MS Excel including Pivot tables, Vlookups and other common finance functions
* Proven self-starter with the ability to work independently with less supervision
* Excels in a team environment interacting with both business and IT colleagues
* Strong interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills both written and verbal

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**Assignment Requirement**

*compose six (6) questions* that you would like to ask during the interview using following these guidelines.

* Two questions should focus on the co-op position.
* Two questions should be based on what you’ve read in reflection brochures submitted by students who have previously held the position. (Refer to A in the box below.)
* Two questions need to be about the company/organization based on a news article that you’ve read from a reliable source. Be sure to include a link to the on-line source that that you used to develop your questions. (Refer to B in the box below.)

Each question should be followed by a brief statement (minimum of 100 words) as to why you think your questions are interesting and what you are looking to learn by asking the questions.