PRODUCT OWNER

LOCATION: YORK, UK
(OPTIONAL REMOTE WORKING)

SALARY: UP TO £50,000 COMMENSURATE WITH
EXPERIENCE

BENEFITS

- Up to 33 days' holiday including bank holidays plus long-service increase.
- Great flexi-time arrangement available.
- Government workplace pension.
- Free onsite gym.
- Free parking.
- Free work wear.
- On site crèche.
- Staff discount.

INTRODUCTION

We are looking for an experienced and talented Product Owner to manage the specifications, planning and delivery of our web applications and IT system software team's backlog. This is an exciting time to join us with many IT transformation and development projects in the pipeline.

In the role you'll be working to ensure end-to-end delivery and support of our software products and services across the business through working with key stakeholders and our teams of engineers.

DUTIES

The Product Owner role will include, but not be limited to, the following duties and responsibilities:

- Work with internal and external stakeholders to analyse the needs and align product roadmap to strategic goals as well as current & future technical capabilities.
- Work with business stakeholders supported by the Development Manager and in cooperation with the Project Manager to define the scope, prioritize requirements and assess impact.
- Work closely, creating alignment, with the Project Manager (who owns the product roadmap) and being responsible for the technical roadmap.
- Working closely with the development teams to ensure a thorough understanding of project requirements, developing scope, and defining development backlog items that guide the software development team.
- Develop appropriately detailed specifications for the product features so they are clearly understood by the development teams. Ensure the specifications unambiguously matches the requirements defined by product.
- Maintain an appropriately prioritized backlog of development items for implementation by the development teams.
- Prioritising workloads and agreeing deadlines between stakeholders and the development teams.
- Acting as a proxy to bridge gap between business and technology teams understanding of requirements to ensure the development team deliver what is required.
- Deliver the product vision set up by senior management and convey that vision to delivery teams.
- Working with the Development Manager to ensure alignment with the strategic technological roadmap.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

We are looking for someone with a background in software development and product ownership and a minimum of 5 years' general commercial experience as a product business analysist, owner, or other similar role.

- Analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Good business analysis skills.
- Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC) and structured change management.
- Previous experience as a Product Owner or Business Analyst.
- Flexible dealing with all areas and different types of work and problems.
- Ability to understand and interpret the differences between how stakeholders define problems and how developers interpret them.
- Knowledge of development within different project delivery methodologies such as Agile and Waterfall.
- Good Product Owner skills.
- Strong people skills, able to get the best out of colleagues you work with.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in computer science or related field.

BENEFICIAL

These skills would be beneficial but are not strictly necessary for the role.

- Knowledge of development in IBM (AS/400 iSeries).
- Knowledge of key regulatory requirements in the financial services sector.
- Product owner certification.
- Agile certification.