



### **Role Profile**

Product Owner

### **Location**

Gloucester, GL3 4AH

*Currently hybrid approach –  
circa 4 days in office per month*

### **Salary**

Circa £60,000

### **Contract Type**

Full-Time

Blackfinch Group is an award-winning investment specialist with a heritage dating back over 25 years. A trusted provider, we work in partnership with advisers. Our businesses cover tax-efficient solutions, early stage investing, managed portfolio services, property financing and renewable energy. As an environmental, social and governance (ESG) investor, we work for a positive impact. We're proud to be entrusted with over £600 million in assets under management and administration.



## Purpose of Role

Exciting opportunity to lead an early-stage startup venture within Blackfinch Group, our ideal candidate will have passion and drive for the creation and shaping of a brand-new innovative fintech product. They will have an ability to generate excitement and lead on creating a strong product vision, motivating a team to make it a reality. Deep understanding of user behaviour and broad industry experience in technology and the digital economy - specifically within the financial landscape, are key for this role.

## Key Accountabilities

- **Strategic ownership** – Develop a long-term vision and objectives. Discerning and disciplined in focusing on what is important and most relevant, as well as developing this capability in others.
- **User Focus** – Understand, identify, and empathise with users, able to drive the product from a range of user persona types. Create meaningful interactions and relationships with users and collaborate with product design to create a leading user experience for the product.
- **Agile Process** – Understand agile methodology, apply an agile mindset to all aspects of work. Able to work in a fast-paced evolving environment with a flexible approach enabling rapid delivery.
- **Technology Focus** – Demonstrate an understanding of technology and data perspectives. Familiar with and understand a range of technology choices and complexities of digital services and can design services to meet them. Knowledge of wider digital economy and advances in technology.
- **Ownership and initiative** – Able to pitch and present business cases demonstrating strategic intent, prioritise features based on ROI, and own accountability for realisation of benefits. Ensure technical solutions meet business requirements, ownership of and proactively resolving issues.
- **Life-cycle perspective** – Understand the different phases of product delivery, and can plan and contribute to this. Lead a product and processes through delivery phases. Able to maintain and iterate a product over time to continuously meet user needs and understand incident and service support so products are built effectively.

## Skills & Experience

- **Product ownership** – Know how to use a range of product management principles and approaches. Able to capture and translate user needs into deliverables. Define minimum viable product and make decisions about priorities. Write user stories and acceptance criteria. Able to work with a range of specialists in multidisciplinary teams.
- **Collaboration** – Working closely with product stakeholders, designers and developers in a highly collaborative environment, able to build strong business relationships.

- Proven experience in similar roles, motivated to lead on development of new products.
- Experience leading and delivering software/SaaS projects or products.
- Experience and highly competent with analytics and data visualisation techniques and tools.
- Experience performing both user and product research and analysis.
- Experience and understanding of interaction design and design systems
- Awareness and understanding of data science and ML/AI capabilities.
- Excellent people management and development skills.
- Excellent communication skills, able to build strong business relationships with key stakeholders.
- Startup experience would be highly beneficial for this role.

If you believe you have the skills and experience for this role, we'd be interested to hear from you.

Apply by sending your CV and any other supporting documents to **HR@blackfinch.co.uk**

If you require any further information about this role, we're here to help, contact us on 01452 717070.

## Our Values

At Blackfinch we're working to make a difference in the world. We partner with advisers to meet client and business aims. Inspired by the work of Charles Darwin, we're named after one of Darwin's finches, which influenced his theories of evolution.

Our values of 'adapt', 'evolve' and 'thrive' run through everything we do. We continually adapt to changing markets, providing evolved products so that our customers can thrive. These values inform our work as an ESG investor, working towards a more sustainable future.



Offering a supportive environment, championing continuing professional development and sponsoring staff for qualifications.



One of the friendliest businesses in financial services, supporting our people, customers and investee companies.



Providing opportunities to progress plus to take up benefits, and to get involved in sponsorship and charity work

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