

Finance Manager

Position Type: Part-time (15-25 hours per week)

Start Date: Aug/Sep 2019

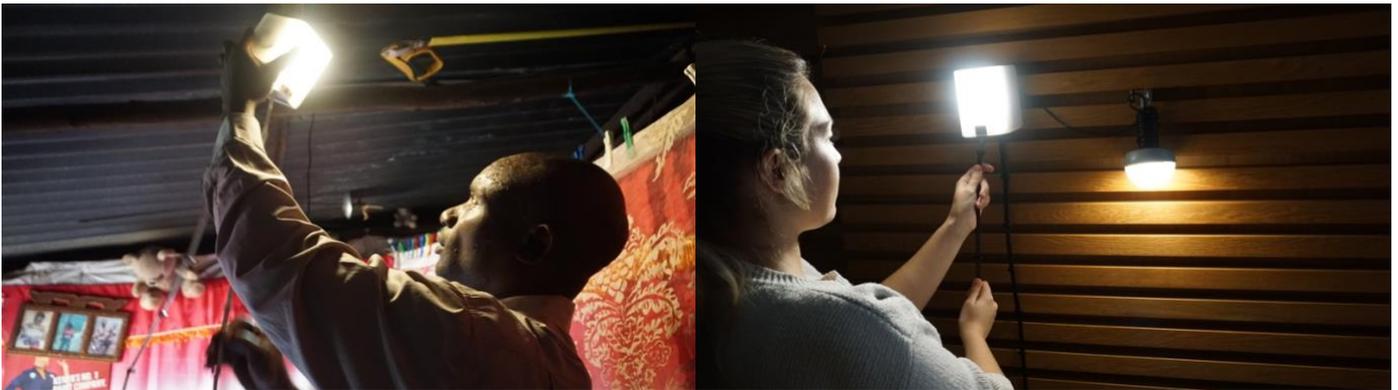
About Us

Deciwatt design portable renewable energy products that provide instant access to light and power. Unlike competing solutions, our products are self-contained sources of energy that do not rely on sunlight or mains electricity.

Our first product 'GravityLight' inspired millions by creating electric light from the lift of a weight. GravityLight was named as one of TIME magazine's best inventions of 2013 and Deciwatt was recognised as one of the 'Most Innovative Companies in the World' by Fast Company magazine.

Our new solution '**nowlight**' creates both light and power from the pull of a cord. By leveraging uniquely efficient bio-mechanics and the latest battery technology, just one minute of pulling creates up to two hours of light!

For more information about **nowlight**, have a look at the successful [crowdfunding campaign](#) we ran in 2018, watch this [video](#) that we made for potential investors and read the [product page](#) on our website.



Over the last two years we've taken **nowlight** from concept, to prototype, to finished product. We have just begun mass production of **nowlight** and are gearing up for an international launch in Q3 of 2019, with four target markets:

Emergency Preparedness

There are hundreds of millions of people who are vulnerable to power cuts or displacement from their homes due to extreme weather and natural disasters. For these users **nowlight** can provide a portable, independent and ever-ready source of light and power.

Leisure

From camping and hiking, to music festivals and overlanding. From finding tools in the shed to brightening up a beach hut. **nowlight** is perfect for off-grid adventures and providing light and power anywhere that an electrical grid doesn't reach.

Off-grid Households

There are one billion people in the world who have no access to electricity. Up to one billion more only have access to an unreliable supply. **nowlight** can provide these people with clean reliable and affordable power. Unlike competing solar products, **nowlight** has no reliance on sunlight.

Humanitarian Aid and Relief

Almost 90% of the refugees living in managed camps have no access to electricity. Working with international aid agencies we can use **nowlight** to provide refugee households with light and power. Last year we worked with the Red Cross to trial **nowlight** in refugee settlements in Rwanda and Uganda.

About the Role

The Finance Manager position is an exciting opportunity to help manage the launch of an innovative product with huge international potential across several different markets. Working with our bookkeepers and accountants, you will take on responsibility for day-to-day financial management of Deciwatt and you will also play a leading role in strategic projects.

You will work with manufacturers and distributors to minimise the cost of importing and exporting **nowlight**. You will work with the CEO to create and maintain financial models. You will work with wider team to identify opportunities to reduce the cost and improve the quality of our products.

This is initially a part-time role but there is potential for this to evolve into a full-time position. You have the option to work from our office in London's West-End, but we are also willing to consider flexible working for this position.

These are the roles and responsibilities that you will take on:

Financial management, governance and reporting

- Establish / refine financial policies, processes and systems
- Conduct financial due diligence on suppliers and B2B customers
- Manage bookkeeping and reporting requirements (e.g. Companies House, HMRC)
- Produce monthly management accounts
- Lead annual reporting (working with our external accountants)
- Engage expert advisors as needed (e.g. international tax landscape and R&D tax credits)

Fundraising and Forecasting

Work with the CEO to:

- Maintain a detailed cash flow forecast and create other financial models as required
- Secure working capital finance for the business
- Support (ongoing) grant applications and financial reporting for current grants

Commercial Strategy

Working with the CEO, Technical Director and Product Design Manager to:

- Identify opportunities for efficiencies throughout our supply chain, pricing strategies, marketing and partnerships to reduce costs and improve ROI whilst maintaining quality
- Assess sales, marketing and product development strategies

About You

The ideal candidate for this role would have:

- At least 5 years of work experience, ideally for a business selling physical products and operating across multiple countries/continents
- Accountancy qualifications; familiar with UK reporting requirements
- Experience of managing the processes associated with importing and exporting (commercial invoices, import duties etc.)
- Experience preparing and presenting management accounts
- Experience designing and implementing finance and accounting processes, including process automation
- Experience of conducting financial due diligence on third-party suppliers and customers
- Familiarity with accounting software such as Xero or QuickBooks
- A passion for innovative products that create positive social and environmental change
- Right to work in the UK and fluent English (spoken and written) is essential

Benefits

- £45,000 - £55,000 depending on experience and qualifications
- Up to 3% contribution to your pension
- 20 days holiday per year plus 5 days off between Christmas and New Year (pro-rata)
- 1 extra day of holiday after each full year of employment, up to a maximum of 25 days
- Great offices in the West End shared with other start-ups and a leading product design agency

To Apply

Send your application to Chris Skilton via recruitment@deciwatt.global with the subject line “[Your Name] / Finance Manager Application” and:

- Write a covering letter telling us about yourself and why you want this role
- Attach your CV and/or link us to a LinkedIn profile

The closing date for applications is midnight on **Sunday July 14th**, although we will be conducting interviews on a rolling basis.

Please note that due to the volume of applications we receive for open positions, we will only respond to applicants who are invited to interview.