
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title:	Buyer	Level I	Grade FO06 \$37,000 - \$55,500
Job Code:	ED01	Level II	Grade FO07 \$40,000 - \$64,000
FLSA status:	Exempt	Level III	Grade FO08 \$45,000 - \$72,000

Job Summary

Responsible for professional buyer and procurement duties and provides expertise in the sourcing, selection, and acquisition of materials, supplies and services to the University.

Essential Functions

1. Analyzes purchasing options and makes decisions on acquisitions.
2. Contributes to the development of buying programs, including sourcing and selection methods.
3. Interviews sales people, evaluates vendor performance, and may coordinate vendor exhibits held on campus.
4. Tabulates or directs the tabulation of bid/quotes as needed.
5. Presides at formal sealed bid openings.
6. Makes contractual commitments up to dollar limits of authorization.
7. Develops specifications for department to include assisting departments in standardizing materials and supplies, discussing requirements, specifications, etc. with department heads, and verifying specifications.
8. May provide final review of purchase order requests and bids, and determines appropriate actions in the absence of supervisor.
9. May maintain detailed records and files.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.

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Job Family Levels

Level	Responsibility	Knowledge	Education and Experience*
I	Under immediate supervision, performs standard tasks using established methods, principles, concepts and procedures related to a specialized field. Judgments are made on routine matters of relatively small impact.	Knows fundamental concepts, practices and procedures of particular field of specialization.	Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
II	Under close supervision, performs varied duties and assignments involving some judgment. Resolves routine questions or problems, referring only complex issues to higher level. Some evaluation, originality and ingenuity required.	Knows and applies fundamental concepts, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization, with awareness of related fields.	Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
III	Under minimal supervision, performs complex assignments and fulfills broad responsibilities where required outcomes are defined, but methods and procedures may vary based on professional judgment or precedent. Considerable latitude for unreviewed action. Confers with supervisor on unusual matters. Coordinates the work of others on projects and may assign work to and assist less experienced professionals or support staff. May act in an advisory capacity to managers or faculty.	Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of a particular field of specialization to the completion of difficult assignments. Also possesses knowledge of related fields and areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.	Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

* See the "Minimum Required Education and Experience" section of the job description for any substitutions that may be allowed for education and experience.

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Minimum Required Education and Experience

- Level I** Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
- Level II** Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
- Level III** Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

Focus of Education

Degree in Management, Business, Liberal Arts, or related field

Focus of Experience

Experience in procurement services for an organization

Substitutions allowed for Education:

When a candidate has the required experience, but lacks the required education, they may normally apply additional relevant experience toward the education requirement, at a rate of two (2) years relevant experience per year of required education.

Substitutions allowed for Experience:

Indicated experience is required; no substitutions allowed.

Minimum Required Knowledge

See Job Family Levels

Certification or Licensure Requirements:

An A.P.P. or C.P.M. certification is required at level II and III.

Physical Requirements/ADA

No unusual physical requirements. Requires no heavy lifting, and nearly all work is performed in a comfortable indoor facility.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires sitting, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands, .

Job occasionally requires standing, walking, reaching, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, and lifting up to 25 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

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