



Senior Program Manager
Ascent Funding, LLC.

[Ascent Funding](#) is an award-winning, rapidly growing private FinTech company that is on a mission to revolutionize the way people pay for college. We're looking for a **Senior Program Manager** to join our team in the heart of downtown San Diego, CA (well, virtually during COVID) to lead key application development and operational implementation projects that drive innovation to the market.

What you will be doing: The **Senior Program Manager** position is responsible for the management of project initiatives and programs within the Ascent student lending business and operations. This key role works cross-functionally with Engineering, Operations, Product Management, and Marketing to drive success.

In This Role, You Will:

- Collaborate with Business and technology leaders to define initiatives that execute on the company strategy.
- Partner with functional areas to establish critical processes to support disciplined product development and operational implementation.
- Develop and manage project timelines, resource plans, and project deliverables.
- Manage agile software development projects within the Engineering team.
- Communicate progress across organizational boundaries.
- Establish best practices and standards for program management within the company.

Desired Skills & Expertise:

- Bachelor's Degree required in Information Systems, Computer Science or another related field.
- 10+ years Software Program Management experience involving business, technical, and operational deliverables.
- Proficiency in the Agile software development life cycle.
- Strong analytical and financial skills.
- Ability to innovate under new and/or changing conditions.
- Proven problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal and communication skills.

Bonus points if you have:

- PMP, Agile certifications or equivalent demonstrated practical technical program management experience preferred.
- Past consumer finance experience or experience in a highly regulated environment.

Qualities we look for in our candidates:

- Entrepreneurial drive to succeed and win, a sense of urgency, and passion for the work.
- Proven ability to think creatively and drive innovation in the market and within our company.
- All-around good teammates who are approachable and dedicated to helping others succeed.





The Job Description is intended to be a general representation of the responsibilities and requirements of the job. However, the description may not be all-inclusive, and responsibilities and requirements are subject to change.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

It is the policy of the Company to provide equal employment opportunities to all employees and employment applicants without regard to unlawful considerations of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, sensory, physical, or mental disability, marital status, veteran or military status, genetic information, or any other classification protected by applicable local, state, or federal laws. This policy applies to all aspects of employment, including, but not limited to, hiring, job assignment, compensation, promotion, benefits, training, discipline, and termination. Reasonable accommodation is available for qualified individuals with disabilities, upon request.

Company Overview:

[Ascent Funding](#) is a private student loan program built around one guiding principle: Student loans should expand possibilities, not limit them. Ascent is proud to be part of the Goal Investment Group (GIG) family. GIG, named “Best Places to Work” by the San Diego Business Journal for since 2015 and awarded a "Top Workplaces" honor by The San Diego Union-Tribune (2016 & 2017), is a values driven, employee owned education finance technology company providing a comprehensive array of products and services that include Ascent student loans, trust administration, portfolio management, and capital markets advisory services.

