

OKR CHAMPION

JOB DESCRIPTION

ROLE

Internal OKR Champion

This document outlines the pivotal role of an internal OKR Champion or Shepherd. The comprehensive details within, will guide candidates, hiring managers and senior leaders alike in understanding the responsibilities, qualifications, and competencies required for this key position in an organization.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MD

OKR International is pleased to share the findings of the Role Clarification exercise undertaken in order to help companies looking at getting the right candidate for an internal OKR Champion's role.

The purpose of this exercise is to help the organization clarify roles and responsibilities of an OKR Champion and their associated position; and ergo, to improve communication, collaboration, and overall productivity. The exercise is based on 5 year's research, observation and interviews with key client organisations and research conducted by OKR International as part of the OKR SOIR (State of the Industry) over 2022 and 2023.

This comprehensive role clarification process is designed to provide clarity to the overall purpose, job responsibilities, KRAs/KPIs and Behavioral Competencies for the said role.

Through this report we hope that it will serve as a valuable resource for organizations and it's key stakeholders. OKR International would like to thank our respondents and clients for their participation and commitment to the field of OKRs.

Sincerely,



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INTRODUCTION

In today's dynamic business landscape, the role of an OKR (Objectives and Key Results) Champion has become increasingly pivotal. OKR International is proud to present this comprehensive report, derived from an extensive Role Clarification exercise. This initiative aims to provide a clear, detailed understanding of the OKR Champion role, a key element for companies striving to optimize their internal goal-setting and performance tracking processes.

This report is the culmination of a meticulous, multi-year research process, including the OKR State of the Industry (SOIR) studies from 2022 and 2023. It represents a synthesis of insights from interviews and focus groups with key stakeholders and incumbents, combined with a thorough analysis of industry trends and best practices. The heart of this exercise lies in its evidence-based approach, drawing from real-world applications and experiences across various organizational contexts.

Our goal is to equip organizations with the tools to clearly define the role and responsibilities of an OKR Champion. By doing so, we aim to enhance communication, collaboration, and overall productivity within these organizations. An OKR Champion is not just a role but a critical driving force for implementing and nurturing the OKR framework. Their expertise, skills, and behaviors are essential for aligning company objectives with measurable outcomes, driving strategic execution, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

This JD delves into the specifics of what it takes to be a successful OKR Champion. From detailed job descriptions and qualifications to key responsibilities and behavioral competencies, we provide a holistic view of the role. We also outline Key Result Areas (KRAs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), essential for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of an OKR Champion.

We believe that this comprehensive role clarification will serve as an invaluable resource for organizations looking to embrace or enhance their OKR methodologies. Our gratitude extends to our respondents and clients, whose participation and insights have been instrumental in shaping this guide. OKR International remains committed to advancing the field of OKRs and supporting organizations in their journey toward strategic excellence and operational efficiency.

METHODOLOGY

Methodology for Role Clarification

The methodology adopted in this report for role clarification consists of a multi-step approach that combines qualitative and quantitative techniques to ensure a comprehensive analysis. This approach aims to provide clear insights into the roles and responsibilities of an internal OKR Champion, ultimately enabling better alignment, efficiency, and performance.

Data Collection

The first step in the methodology involves data collection from various sources to gather relevant information about roles and responsibilities within the organization. This includes:

- Conducting interviews and focus group discussions with incumbents, and other stakeholders to gain insights into OKR Champion roles and responsibilities.
- 2022 and 2023 OKRs State of the Industry Report by OKR International
- Analyzing expectations and outcomes associated with each role.
- Reviewing existing roles sheets or expectations of client organisations over a 5 year period.

Job Analysis

Job analysis is the next step in the methodology, which involves a systematic process of examining and interpreting the information collected during the data collection phase. This analysis focuses on identifying key tasks, responsibilities, and qualifications associated with each position. It also examines the relationships between the role and the overall organizational structure. The process involves:

- Identifying key tasks and responsibilities for each role.
- Analyzing the skills, knowledge, and abilities required to perform each task effectively.
- Examining the reporting and communication structure within most organization.

Job Description Development

Job descriptions provide a clear summary of the key responsibilities, tasks, and qualifications required for each role. This process includes:

- Writing clear and concise descriptions of the tasks and responsibilities associated with the role.
- Identifying the essential skills, knowledge, and abilities required to perform each task effectively.
- Aligning job descriptions with the OKR Framework to ensure that each role contributes to the overall success of the company.

Disclaimer: The following Job Description is indicative but not exhaustive. It should be used only as a guide. Users are advised to contextualize this JD to suit their own culture, industry, and organizational needs. OKR International bears no responsibility for its application by users.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title

OKR Champion

Business Unit

Strategy and Operations

Location

Reporting

Chief Strategy Officer or Chief of Staff

Position Description

As an Internal OKR Champion, you will be the driving force behind the implementation and successful execution of the Objectives and Key Results (OKR) framework within our organization. This role requires a deep understanding of OKRs, excellent communication skills, and the ability to work collaboratively across all levels of the organization. You will be responsible for guiding, training, and supporting teams in setting, tracking, and achieving their objectives and key results, ensuring alignment with the company's strategic goals.

Working Conditions

- Office-based role with the option for remote work as per company policy.
 - Standard working hours as per company policy.
- This job description can be tailored further based on your specific organizational needs and structure.*

Job Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Human Resources, or related field may be preferred.
- Proven experience in implementing and managing the OKR framework.
- Strong understanding of corporate strategy and goal-setting.
- Excellent communication, facilitation, and presentation skills.
- Ability to work effectively with all levels of the organization.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Proficiency in OKR and performance management software.

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Functional Competences

OKR Methodology Expertise:

- Understanding of OKRs: Proficiency in the principles, components, and purpose of OKRs.
- Experience with Implementation: Ability to lead the rollout of OKRs within the organization.

Change Management Skills:

- Change Facilitation: Knowledge of change management practices to guide teams through the adoption process.
- Training and Coaching: Capability to conduct effective OKR training sessions and provide ongoing support.

Strategic Alignment:

- Business Acumen: Understanding of the company's strategic goals and how OKRs contribute to achieving them.
- Alignment Skills: Ability to align OKRs across different levels and departments.

Data Analytics and Reporting:

- OKR Tracking Systems: Proficiency in developing and maintaining OKR tracking systems and dashboards.
- Data-Driven Insights: Analyzing OKR data to identify trends, progress, and areas for improvement.

Quality Assurance:

- SMART Criteria: Ensuring OKRs are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.
- Balancing Objectives and Key Results: Maintaining a balance between outcome-based and performance-based OKRs.

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Key Responsibilities

1. **OKR Framework Implementation and Management:** Lead the introduction and management of the OKR framework within the organization, ensuring alignment with strategic goals.
2. **Training and Support:** Conduct training sessions for all employees on OKRs, providing continuous support and guidance for effective setting and achievement of OKRs.
3. **Performance Monitoring and Reporting:** Oversee the progress monitoring of OKRs, develop tracking systems, and regularly report to leadership on accomplishments and improvement areas.
4. **Cross-Functional Collaboration:** Collaborate with different departments to integrate and align OKRs throughout the organization, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability.
5. **Continuous Improvement:** Regularly gather feedback on the OKR process, stay updated with the latest methodologies, and implement necessary improvements.
6. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Engage with various stakeholders to align OKRs with the business strategy and communicate the purpose and benefits of OKRs.
7. **Quality Assurance:** Ensure OKRs are clear, specific, measurable, and adhere to SMART criteria, maintaining a balance between outcome-based and performance-based OKRs.
8. **Data-Driven Insights:** Analyze OKR data for trends and predictive insights, identifying areas for improvement.
9. **Adaptability and Agility:** Maintain flexibility to adjust OKRs in response to changing business needs and market shifts.
10. **OKR Culture Building:** Foster a growth mindset among employees, celebrating achievements, and recognizing efforts to reinforce a positive OKR culture.

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KRAs & KPIs

Key Result Areas (KRAs) are crucial aspects of an individual's job performance that are critical for achieving organizational goals. KRAs define the primary responsibilities and expected outcomes for a role, allowing you to focus on tasks that directly contribute to the success of the organization. KRAs can be used for:

- **Goal alignment:** KRAs ensure that individual and team objectives align with the organization's strategic goals, promoting a clear understanding of priorities and expectations.
- **Performance measurement:** KRAs provide a basis for evaluating performance, as they establish specific, measurable outcomes to assess an employee's or team's effectiveness.
- **Clarity and focus:** Identifying KRAs helps employees concentrate their efforts on high-impact tasks, leading to increased efficiency and productivity.
- **Accountability:** KRAs create a sense of ownership and responsibility among team members, fostering a culture of accountability and commitment to results.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are quantifiable measurements used to assess the effectiveness of an individual in achieving specific goals. KPIs enable organizations to track progress, evaluate performance, and make data-driven decisions for improvement. KRAs can be used for:

- **Goal tracking:** KPIs provide a way to measure progress towards strategic objectives, helping organizations understand how well they are performing in key areas.
- **Data-driven decision-making:** By analyzing KPI data, organizations can identify areas that require attention, allocate resources effectively, and make informed decisions to drive improvement.
- **Benchmarking:** KPIs allow organizations to compare their performance against industry standards, competitors, or historical data, highlighting strengths and weaknesses and setting targets for improvement.
- **Performance evaluation:** KPIs are often used in performance appraisals to assess individual or team performance, providing a quantitative basis for feedback and development.
- **Communication:** KPIs help communicate performance expectations and priorities to employees, ensuring that everyone is aligned and focused on the same goals.

KRAs & KPIs – OKR CHAMPION

KRA	KPI
<p>1. Framework Implementation: Successfully implement the OKR framework across the organization within a specified timeline. This is crucial as it sets the foundation for the entire OKR process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KPI 1: Percentage of departments that have successfully implemented OKRs within the first quarter. – KPI 2: Number of process bottlenecks identified and resolved during implementation. – KPI 3: Employee feedback score on the effectiveness of the implementation process. – KPI 4: Time-to-Adoption: Measure the average time taken for departments to fully adopt OKRs from the initial rollout. – KPI 5: User Satisfaction: Conduct a survey to gauge user satisfaction with the implementation process.
<p>2. Training Completion: Conduct OKR training sessions for employees. Comprehensive understanding and application of OKRs by all employees are vital for the framework's success.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KPI 1: Percentage of employees who have completed OKR training. – KPI 2: Average post-training test scores to assess understanding. – KPI 3: Number of follow-up sessions conducted to reinforce training. – KPI 4: Training Effectiveness: Assess the practical application of OKR knowledge by evaluating real-world OKR drafts created by trained employees. – KPI 5: Training Retention: Monitor the retention of OKR concepts over time through periodic quizzes or follow-up assessments.
<p>3. OKR Alignment: Achieve alignment of individual and team OKRs with the organization's strategic goals. Alignment ensures that all efforts are contributing towards common objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KPI 1: Percentage of OKRs that are directly aligned with strategic goals. – KPI 2: Number of cross-departmental OKRs created to encourage alignment. – KPI 3: Frequency of alignment reviews conducted with team leads.
<p>4. Quality Assurance: Ensure that all OKRs meet the predefined criteria and are well balanced at all levels. This is key for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of OKRs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KPI 1: Percentage of OKRs meeting SMART criteria. – KPI 2: Number of revisions made to OKRs for quality improvement. – KPI 3: Employee satisfaction score regarding the clarity and relevance of OKRs. – KPI 4: OKR Completeness: Assess the completeness of OKRs (e.g., all components—Objectives and Key Results—are present). – KPI 5: OKR Balance: Ensure a balanced mix of aspirational and achievable OKRs.
<p>5. Feedback Integration: Regularly gather and incorporate feedback, showing an improvement in the OKR process efficiency from time to time. Continuous improvement is essential for the evolving success of the OKR system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KPI 1: Number of feedback suggestions implemented into the OKR process. – KPI 2: Improvement in process efficiency metrics post-feedback integration. – KPI 3: Frequency of feedback collection from stakeholders. – KPI 4: Feedback Response Time: Measure the time taken to address feedback and implement changes. – KPI 5: Impact of Feedback: Quantify the impact of feedback-driven improvements on OKR effectiveness.

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BEHAVIORAL COMPETENCIES

ORGANISATIONAL COMPETENCY	ELEMENTS
<p>Results Orientation: The ability to identify actions necessary to complete tasks and obtain results.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintains focus on goals. – Identifies and acts on removing potential obstacles to successful goal attainment. – Implements thorough and effective plans and applies appropriate resources to produce desired results. – Follows through on all commitments to achieve results.
<p>Interpersonal Skills: The ability to interact with others in a positive manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Initiates and develops business relationships in positive ways. – Successfully works with a wide range of people at varying levels of organizations. – Communicates with others in ways that are clear, considerate, and understandable. – Demonstrates ease in relating with a diverse range of people of varying backgrounds, ages, experience, and education levels.
<p>Leading Others: The ability to organize and motivate people to accomplish goals while creating a sense of order and direction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inspires others with a compelling vision – Empowers others to accomplish common goals – Represents a positive, motivational example for others to emulate in becoming leaders – Supports others through providing clarity, direction, organization and purpose
<p>Problem Solving: The ability to identify key components of a problem to formulate a solution or solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Analyzes all data relative to a problem. – Divides complex issues into simpler components in order to achieve clarity. – Selects the best options available to solve specific problems. – Applies all relevant resources to implement suitable solutions.
<p>Developing Others: The ability to contribute to the growth and development of others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strongly advocates for the growth and development of others – Devotes appropriate time to training, coaching and developing others – Understands the implications of varied learning styles and their importance to individual development – Regularly follows up and holds others accountable for their performance
<p>Flexibility: The ability to readily modify, respond to and integrate change with minimal personal resistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adapts effectively to changing plans and priorities – Demonstrates the capacity to handle multiple tasks at one time – Deals comfortably with ambiguity – Adjusts preset plans as necessary with minimal resistance
<p>Influencing Others: The ability to personally affect others' actions, decisions, opinions or thinking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Effectively impacts others' actions – Gains commitment from others to achieve desired results – Analyzes others' opinions and leads them to understand and willingly accept desired alternatives – Persuades others in a positive manner

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