



Banner® Finance

*Modernize your technology
for sound financial management*



USABILITY TESTING PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

- » “This new version will be a lot easier to train new people on.”
- » “Presentation and format looks good.”
- » “Navigation setup is better in the new version.”
- » “The notifications were good because of the central location and one-time dismissal.”

Higher education financial management professionals face increasing pressure to improve efficiencies and enhance transparency, sometimes in an environment of shifting policy demands and multiple priorities. It can become a difficult juggling act to ensure that planning and budgeting, general accounting, payroll, and other functions are properly handled and documented.

While technology provides an invaluable tool for financial management professionals, incorporating advances in technology is an essential step to ensure that your institution keeps up and meets the needs of staff and administrators. That’s why we have released Banner® Finance, a modernized financial management system that allows staff to initiate, respond to, and otherwise act on the information to move a process forward whether it involves planning, procurement, budgeting, accounting, research administration, accounts payable, endowment management or reporting and compliance.

Simplicity defined: intuitive navigation and data access

At the core of any higher ed finance process there are numerous tasks that need be accomplished. To be efficient, increasing ease-of-use without interrupting essential business processes is critical. With Ellucian Banner

Finance, Oracle Forms have been updated to Javascript-based pages that have a more modern appearance. The result is an intuitive user interface, improved navigation, and accessibility. It also includes a mobile-friendly design. And best of all, it’s cloud enabled—so the solution can easily move to the cloud when an institution has that need.

The updated Banner Finance is built on the Ellucian Extensible Ecosystem. It enables financial administrators to streamline processes and enhance productivity, and to implement, manage, and update their Banner Finance solutions without disruption to end users. Use of common principles, open standards, and a regular update cycle ensures that applications always have the modern functionality and scalability needed. Banner Finance is not only on your desktop or laptop, but it’s also viewable on your tablet, enabling efficiency on the go.

Leverage the intuitive user interface for faster financial processing

Staff are always more productive when they can spend less time figuring out how to perform their tasks, and the rich and flexible toolset of Banner Finance enables that. Its up-to-date user interface features enhanced

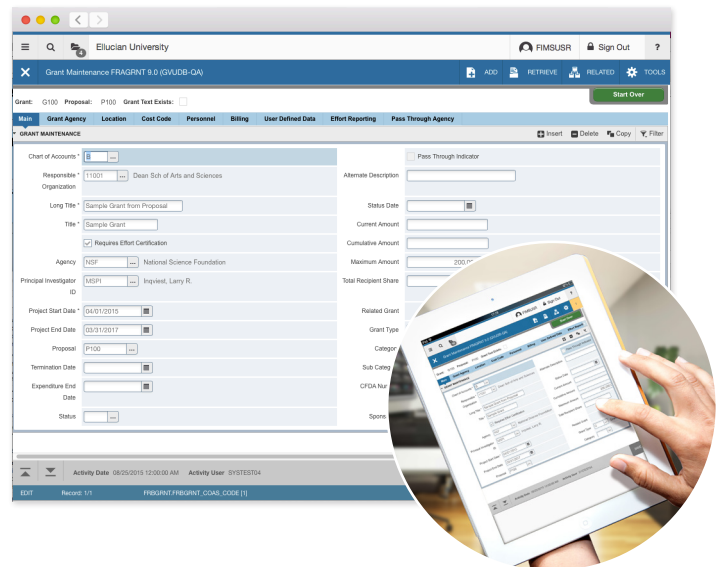
navigation with drop-down menus, drag-and-drop capability, radio buttons, and improved accessibility. These improvements come together in an intuitive arrangement that allows all types of users to start, advance, and complete processes easily.

Moreover, this release's inherent value grows when factoring in reduced training needs for infrequent and new Banner users, and the operational continuity of frequent users who can still use their familiar keyboard shortcuts and business rules. If they need to toggle back and forth between newer and older versions of the application, this release also provides seamless navigation through the Application Navigator feature.

Conceived to give users the flexibility to work according to their preferences, this release of Banner Finance brings the power of mobility to the tablet where users can use a full-featured application wherever they are. A consistent look and feel of pages eases the ability to search, filter, and select different data sets for the pages, as well as to see and adjust multiple record views. Color-coded system messaging also accelerates task completion by quickly telling users the status of fields and which ones need attention.

Stay in step with best practices

Finance solutions touch nearly part of the institution—from budget development to endowment management and everything in between—so changes to them can mean the difference between smooth operations versus disrupted productivity, an overburdened help desk, and training backlogs. The development and rollout strategy of this release of Banner Finance assures that institutions can incorporate the update and create a new enthusiasm among users for completing processes.



Customers access Banner Finance by using Ellucian Solution Manager, an automated tool available as part of the regular Banner license that simplifies the upgrade process. Also useful for customizing the application is the Banner Extensibility Framework, a set of resources and tools that reduces the need to change source code.

Promote your brand

Colleges and universities know the importance of having a consistent reputation and visibility. Banner Finance supports an institution's brand by importing a logo or designated imagery on welcome screens and pages. Institutions also can use their brand's specific style sheets with colors, fonts, and event-based themes that further highlight a desired presence. As a global-first solution, this update offers local, regional, and Ellucian-supported languages at the onset of the release, so there are opportunities to foster institutional pride at institutions around the world.



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