Department Administrator Training

Stanford University's "Gateway to Financial Activities" website Fingate provides helpful information, instructions, policies, forms, resources and training details for Staff with financial tasks. The website can be accessed at http://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/index.html



Depending on your role and your responsibilities, you will be able to sign up for Financial Activities and Applications Training courses offered by Financial Management Services.

To sign up for Training Courses, go to https://axess.stanford.edu/, and register in STARS



A list of the common training courses is provided on the next page and more training is available for review at: http://fingate.stanford.edu/staff/resources/training.html

Available Training Courses by Financial Category

Financial Category	Course	Course Name
	Number	
New Staff	TOD-0100	Onboarding @ Stanford New Staff Orientation
Access	FIN-PROG-0010	Financial Confidentiality Agreement
Financial Authority	ORA-1101	Understanding Cost Policy
-	FIN-0100	Internal Controls
	FIN-0103	Approving Financial Transactions
	FIN-0150	Authority Manager Tutorial
	FIN-0203	Approving Financial Transactions
Account Structure: Chart of Accounts	FIN-0102	Using Stanford's Chart of Accounts
	FIN-0201	Requesting PTAs Using PTA Manager
Funds Management	FIN-0170	FUNDamentals of Funds
	FIN-0210	Introduction to iJournals
	FIN-0190	Initiating Gift Transmittals
	FIN-0191	Approving Gift Transmittals
Buying & Paying, Expense Requests	FIN-0400	Traveling for Stanford
	FIN-0410	Non-Catalog Purchasing Using Oracle iProcurement
	FIN-0412	Purchasing Using SmartMart
	FIN-0450	PCard Policies and Procedures
	FIN-0500	Introduction to Expense Requests
	FIN-0502	Requesting and Clearing Advances
	FIN-0506	Petty Cash Administration
	FIN-0509	Payee/Supplier Setup
Financial Reporting:	AS-6005	Introduction to the Stanford BI Portal
Oracle Business Objects (OBI),	FIN-0160	Expenditure Statement Reconciliation and Review
ReportMart3	FIN-0320	ReportMart3 for Oracle Financials
	FIN-0340	Introduction to OBI Financial Reporting
	FIN-0350	Creating Financial Analyses Using OBI
	FIN-0351	Introduction to Payroll and Labor Management
		Reporting Using OBI
	FIN-0353	OBI Financial Reporting – Expense Requests & SU
		Card Activity Predefined Reports
	FIN-0402	Expense Reports with Travel Card Charges
Payroll Administration	FIN-0510	Labor Schedules
	FIN-0520	Labor Distribution Adjustments
Student Support	FIN-0110	Understanding Graduate Financial Aid Expenditures
Sponsored Projects	ORA-1102	Overview of Research and Regulatory Environment
	ORA-1126	Managing Sponsored Projects
	ORA-1128	Gift Administration at Stanford

Other Technology Training courses, (i.e. Excel, Word, PowerPoint, or other IT technology classes) are offered through Stanford IT Services Technology Training.

For upcoming classes, visit: itsupcoming.stanford.edu

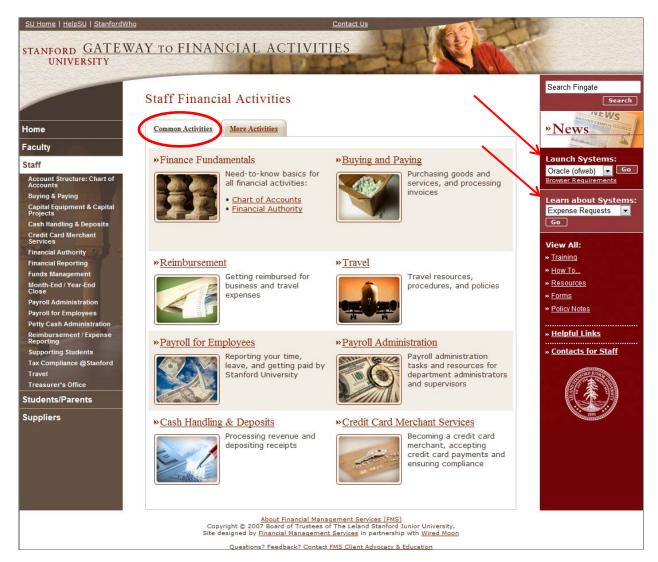
Websites that are helpful (may like to bookmark the following):

- https://remedyweb.stanford.edu/helpsu/help
- http://fingate.stanford.edu/staff/index.html (Staff Financial Activities information)
- https://supad.stanford.edu (Administrative Desktop)
- http://adminguide.stanford.edu/ (Very useful reference guide regarding Stanford policies)
- http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/finsystem/obi/access.html (Gaining access to OBI Financial Reporting)
- https://ffit.stanford.edu (Faculty Financial Inquiry Tool to look up balances and drill-down transaction details for all of a researcher's individually owned active accounts and funds. This could also display the Organizational Accounts for an individual Org Code)
- http://calendar.stanford.edu/ (Web-based Stanford calendar)
- https://ofweb.stanford.edu (Oracle Financials where you will approve transactions, enter ijournals, process Gift Transmittals, and inquire on funds, etc.)
- http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/reimburse/res_jobaid/guide_write_iOU_busPurpose.html (Guidelines for writing a clear iOU business purpose)
- https://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/intranet/index.html (Resources from the Dean's Office)
- https://reportmart3.stanford.edu (Look up financial reports based in Oracle)
- http://doresearch.stanford.edu/research-administration/project-management/monthly-review-and-quarterly-pi-review-and-certification#review-and-reconcile-monthly-expenditure-statements (Overview of monthly review and quarterly certification requirements, procedures and deadlines. It is important to comply with the PI Quarterly certification process)
- https://stanfordwho.stanford.edu (Search by name, phone, email, or sunetid)
- http://doresearch.stanford.edu/ (Dean of Research website with policies and training for Research Administration)
- http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/buypaying/buypay_guide.html
 (Stanford's Buy & Pay Guide resource for Buying and Paying (i.e. expenditure types, procedures, etc.)
- http://webmail.stanford.edu/ (Access email from home)
- https://stanfordyou.stanford.edu (Update your contact information)
- http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/moyrendclose/quick_steps/clear_org_sus
 p_acct.html (Steps to clear Organization Suspense account for labor)
- https://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/docs/confide_agreement.pdf (Complete the confidentiality agreement to speed up the process of getting financial authority/access)
- http://giving.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/wp-endowment-faq.pdf (Stanford's Endowment Frequently Asked Questions from the Office of Development)
- http://expense.stanford.edu (Expense Requests Online Resources)
- http://gradaid.stanford.edu (Graduate Aid Tool supports the graduate aid cycle)

Important Website for Stanford University Financial Activities

http://fingate.stanford.edu/staff/index.html (Provide staff Financial Activities information)

The first tab, "Common Activities", provides basic knowledge of Stanford's Account Structure: Chart of Accounts to classify and record financial transactions. There is also detailed information related to buying and paying, reimbursements, payroll, cash handling and deposits.



The "Launch Systems" drop down menu provides short-cuts to several Oracle financial applications including Oracle (ofweb), Authority Manager, OBI Reporting, ReportMart3, and Axess.

The "Learn about Systems" drop down menu provides short-cuts to many training environments (e. g. Expense Requests, Gift Transmittals, iJournals, OBI Reporting, and PCard).

The second tab, "More Activities", provides the basic knowledge of Funds Management and its policy, with resources, forms and training references for using Stanford's Chart of Accounts. It also provides training on handling gifts, other administration policies and procedures, capital equipment handling, debt management, tax compliance, and other reporting tools.



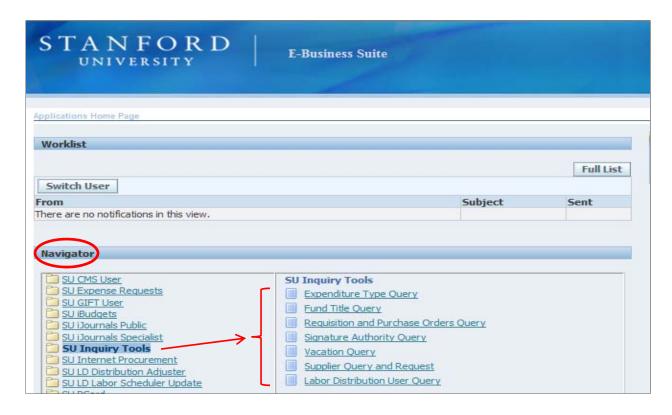
<u>Several Financial Reporting Tools that provide frequently used reports for managing financial activities:</u>

1. <u>Oracle Financial Reporting Using **ReportMart3**</u> – these are pre-defined reports with download capability and can be accessed through https://reportmart3.stanford.edu

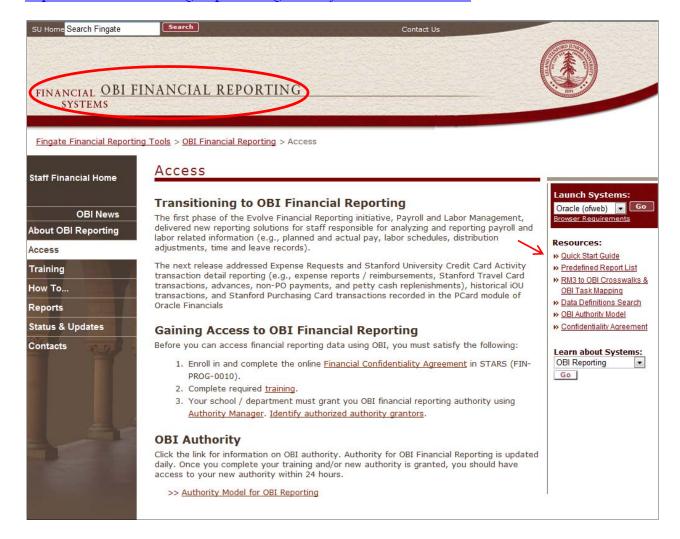
Financial Category	Report Number	Report Description
Account Structure: Chart of Accounts	FIN_REF_225_Fund Authorization	Displays the award set up information pertinent to gift and endowment funds, with description of fund usage per donor or department. It is important to review this report to determine the purpose of an
	FIN_REF_229_PTA_Listing	expendable gift or an endowment fund. Lists all PTAs (accounts) for your department and program including the title, owners, managers, type, start and end dates.
Funds Management	FIN_BGT_166_iBudget_Download	Displays detailed budget information including initial 9/1 consolidated Budget data with Budget changes or additions via iBudget.
	FIN_ENDOW_123_Endow Display	Reflects an endowment fund's investment holdings, including book value, market value, share quantity and type.
	FIN_ENDOW_128_Endow_Investment	Shows the book value, current market value, and cumulative endowment share balances of endowment funds. The data would be used to project endowment payouts for future years.
	FIN_FUND_153_Fund_Statement	Shows the beginning fund balance, transactional activity, and ending fund balance for the set of books in a reporting period, and a summary level of expenses.
	FIN_FUND_154_YTD_Fund_Bal_List	Displays fiscal year-to-date summarized receipts, transfers, expenses, investments, fund and uninvested balances by Award/Fund.
	FIN_FUND_154a_YTD_Fimd_Bal_List (noting anticipated endow payout)	Functions the same as the 154, but includes additional columns for "Anticipated Future Payout" and "Anticipated Available Balance" in the Data Download tab.
	FIN_FUND_253_YTD_Award_Status	Displays the current status of the fiscal-to-date actuals, expense control, commitments of projects and funds prior to year-end and during year-end close. Departments could use this report to reallocate surpluses and deficits in their operating budget. The Dean's Office uses this report to close the operating budget awards at year-end.

Financial Category	Report Number	Report Description
Buying and Paying	FIN_EXP_276_Project_View	Shows expenditures from a Project
		perspective for a specified reporting period.
	FIN_EXP_279_Transaction_Detail	Provides transaction detail of expenditure
		with reference numbers by month.
	FIN_EXP_279A_Transaction Detail	Provides same search as Report 279 but can
		limit search to Current Open Month (COM) or
		Last Closed Month (LCM).
	FIN_EXP_280_Month_By_Month	Provides view and drill-down on expenses for
	Interactive Drill	salary/non-salary/other.
	FIN_EXP_285_Mo_Detail_Statement	Provides monthly detailed transactions,
		actual-to date balances, expense control.
		Task Managers are notified when report is
		ready to review and reconcile each PTA.
Student Support,	FIN_EXP_149_Qtrly_EXP_Cert	Used to aid in the review of expenditures,
Sponsored Projects		and to facilitate PI quarterly certification for
		Sponsored Projects. The report provides
		summary data including project-to-date or
		fiscal-to-date, expense control to date,
		expenditures to date, outstanding
		commitments and remaining balance.

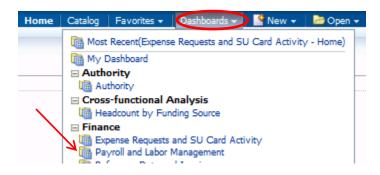
2. <u>Oracle Financials Inquiry Tools (**SU Inquiry Tools**)</u> – a web based inquiry tool available through Oracle Applications at https://ofweb.stanford.edu/ and link in the Navigator section of the Home page.



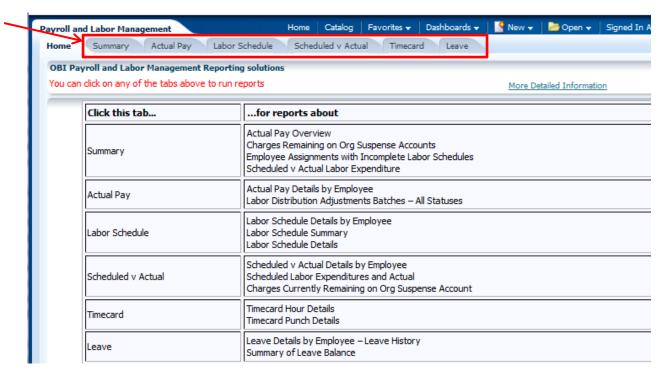
3. Oracle Business Intelligence (**OBI Financial Reporting**) - OBI Financial Reporting Systems is a new suite of reporting and analysis tools in the Oracle Business Intelligence Reporting system which provides a more robust reporting environment. Access OBI Reporting at: http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/finsystem/obi/access.html



Phase 1 addressed the Payroll and Labor Management business function. The Quick Start Guide provides step by step instructions to run predefined financial reports in OBI. Go to http://bi.stanford.edu and select the "Dashboards" menu and choose the Payroll and Labor Management reports.

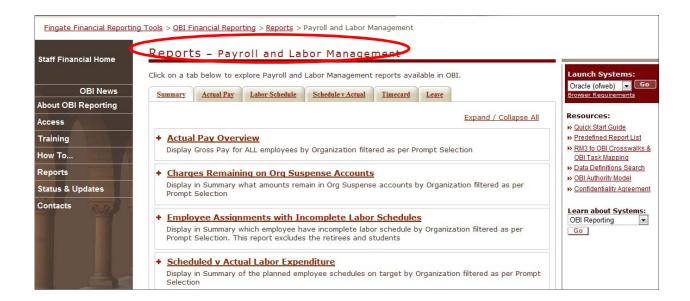


Select the report category from the tabs for the report that you would like to use.



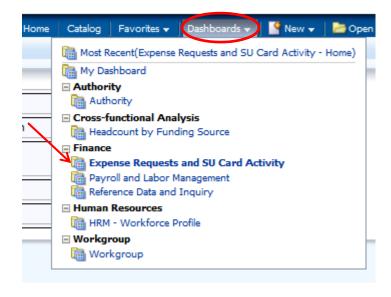
More detailed instructions and examples can be found at:

http://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/finsystem/obi/report/plm/index.html

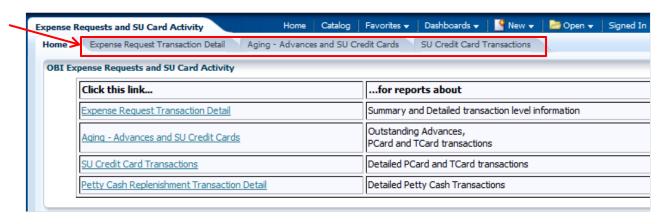


Phase 2 introduces Expense Requests and Stanford University Credit Card Activity transaction reporting (e.g. expense reports/reimbursements, Stanford Travel Card transactions, advances, non-PO payments, and petty cash replenishments). The Expense Requests system replaces iOU.

From the "Dashboards" menu, select the Expense Requests and SU Card Activity function.

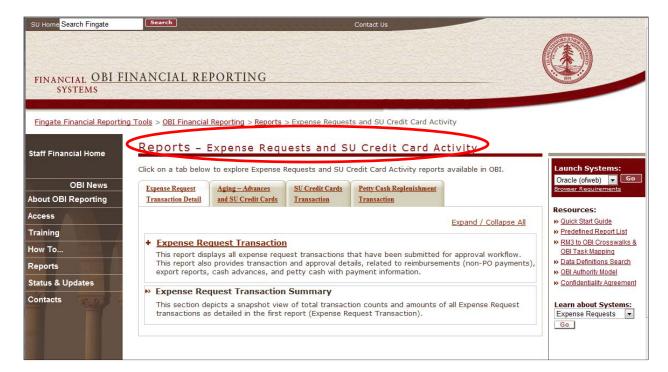


Select the report category from the tabs for the report that you would like to read.



Additional details and examples can be found at:

http://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/finsystem/obi/report/expreq/index.html



Important information to use when running reports:

Department Organization Code – consists of 4 letters

Office Operations Operating Budget (OB) Award – consists of 5 letters beginning with "AAB"

The fiscal year start date is 9/1 (SEP-01) and the end date is 8/31 (AUG-31). (e.g. Fiscal Year "FY15" refers to the period of 9/1/2014 through 8/31/2015).

Subscribe to the following email lists to receive Financial Activities Email Bulletins:

http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/bulletins/email_subscribe.html

Click a subscription link from the table below to subscribe to the following:

Financial Email Subscription Lists		
Topic	Subscription Link	
iBudgets	Subscribe to iBudgets-users@lists	
iJournals	Subscribe to iJournals-users@lists	
Internet Procurement	Subscribe to purch-users@lists	
Petty Cash	Subscribe to petty-cash@lists	
Labor Distribution	 Subscribe to LD-adjusters@lists Subscribe to labor-schedulers@lists 	
Month-End / Year-End Close	Subscribe to monthendclose@lists	
PCard	Subscribe to pcard-users@lists	
ReportMart3	Subscribe to ReportSU-Finance@lists	
Sunflower	 For the latest information about Sunflower, visit the Property Management Office web site at http://doresearch.stanford.edu/research-offices/property-management-pmo 	

Important Financial Dates:

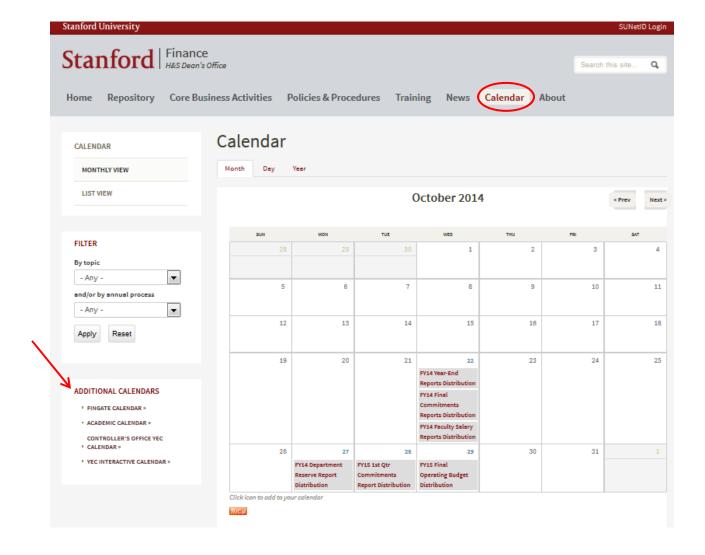
May (Grad Aid Budget due)

June/July (Budget planning, Staff Salary Report, Operating Budget due)

August/September (Year End Close process)

November (First Quarter Special Commitments Report)

The Finance calendar is also available through the Finance Intranet website at: https://finance-humsci.stanford.edu/calendar/month (the October 2014 important dates and deadlines are shown in the example below). "Additional Calendars" related to many important dates and deadlines such as the academic calendar, the Year-End close calendar, and other Financial activities announced in Fingate are also available by clicking on the links.



Helpful Contacts:

Financial Support Center: 723-2772; Email: finhelp@stanford.edu; Submit a HelpSU ticket

School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's Office websites:

- Facilities https://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/cgi-bin/facilities/
- Faculty Affairs https://facultyaffairs-humsci.stanford.edu
- Finance https://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/intranet/finance/index.html
- Graduate Aid Tool http://gradaid.stanford.edu
- Graduate and Undergrad Studies http://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/cgi-bin/gus/
- Human Resources https://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/cgi-bin/hr/
- Information Technology https://hsdo.stanford.edu/it
- Planning https://hsdo.stanford.edu/planning
- Research Administration https://hsdo.stanford.edu/research

Office of Sponsored Research: OSR link for Pre Award and Post Award Assignments: http://doresearch.stanford.edu/research-offices/office-sponsored-research-osr/more-about-osr

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