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Santa Clara, CA  
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### Industry:

Education & Research

### Annual Budget:

US\$298 million

### Employees:

1,700

### Oracle Products & Services:

PeopleSoft Enterprise  
Financial Management Suite  
Planning and Budgeting  
Accounts Payable  
Asset Management  
Treasury  
Campus Solutions  
Recruiting and Admissions  
Student Financials  
Student Records  
Financial Aid  
Human Capital Management  
Payroll

**“With tight integration between Oracle’s PeopleSoft Enterprise Financial Management and Campus Solutions, we have been able to streamline the previously cumbersome, paper-based admissions and financial aid review process and cut admission review times by at least half.”** – Shelly Currin, Systems Manager, Santa Clara University

## Santa Clara University Streamlines Financial Processes and Accelerates Admission Application Reviews

Santa Clara University is a comprehensive Jesuit, Catholic university in California’s Silicon Valley. It is California’s oldest operating higher education institution and offers more than 8,000 students curricula in arts and sciences, business, law, and engineering.

### Challenges

- Provide an integrated financial management solution to improve strategic management of university resources
- Enhance reporting capabilities to reduce reliance on IT staff
- Increase access to online information and provide functional staff with more system ownership
- Minimize customizations to reduce complexity and increase flexibility, driving universitywide business process changes

### Solution

- Upgraded to Oracle’s PeopleSoft Enterprise Financial Management Suite 9.0 to streamline financial processes universitywide, enabling the finance department to shift resources from administrative duties to value-added tasks
- Eliminated duplicate data entry previously required for requests, such as purchase orders, by automatically routing data entered from third-party systems directly to the finance system, such as library acquisition and facility work order system
- Enabled users to submit requests via a quick voucher function—reducing reimbursement time for university staff and vendors from seven days to five days
- Reduced accounts payable headcount by one with improved internal controls
- Lowered supply costs substantially through use of direct deposit
- Ensured around-the-clock access to real-time financial information and customized reports for functional departments
- Automated admission application processing, including deposits and financial aid, by closely integrating the financial application with PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions
- Supported the campus initiative to reduce paper use and cut admission review times by at least half by eliminating the need to print admissions and financial aid forms for review
- Facilitated adoption of the online system by providing financial aid advisors the flexibility to custom-design user interfaces