



Staffordshire University
Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom
www.staffs.ac.uk

Industry:

Education & Research

Annual Revenue:

US\$149 million

Employees:

1,800

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Financials
Oracle Purchasing

Oracle Partner:

Patech Solutions Ltd.
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“Oracle’s value-generating solutions have helped transform financial and purchasing management at Staffordshire into an agile, strategy-focused function that optimizes cost-efficiencies across all faculties.”

– Lynn Coburn, Deputy Finance Director, Staffordshire University

Staffordshire University Saves Time and Automates Processes with Financial Management Solution

Created in 1992, Staffordshire University is a dynamic, progressive, and adaptive learning institution in the United Kingdom. The university provides an extensive range of courses, at all levels, to 16,000 full- and part-time students from diverse cultures and age groups.

Challenges

- Replace the university’s standalone and inflexible financial and purchasing solution with integrated, automated, adaptable applications that can scale to handle increasing revenue growth
- Enforce higher-education sector best practices to cut cycle times, improve user productivity, and minimize customizations
- Implement the solution swiftly and cost-effectively—facilitating rapid user adoption and a seamless migration from legacy tools without loss of data

Solution

- Selected Oracle E-Business Suite over competing solutions for its ability to deliver long-term value through in-depth functionality, user-friendly interfaces, and greater scalability
- Reduced the cost of building and maintaining interfaces, and automated and streamlined financial and purchasing processes with Oracle’s integrated, Web-enabled applications
- Saved time by streamlining routine functions, such as automating monthly stage payments and general ledger updates
- Created a full procure-to-pay audit trail—increasing buyer accountability and enforcing the use of approved suppliers across the devolved, multibudget purchasing environment
- Migrated opening and closing balances seamlessly, achieving complimentary approval from external auditors
- Managed the university’s growing financial management workload without the need for additional resources with Oracle’s lean processes
- Leveraged preconfigured higher-education specific processes built by Oracle Partner Patech Solutions Ltd. to implement the solution in just seven months—50% faster than standard implementations—and meet 95% of the university’s needs out-of-the-box with prebuilt functionality