



University College London
London, England
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Industry:

Education & Research

Annual Revenue:

US\$1.007 million

Employees:

9,000

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle iProcurement
Oracle Purchasing

Oracle Partner:

Patech Solutions
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“Oracle iProcurement extends the benefits of Oracle Purchasing to a broad range of staff while automating approvals, tracking orders in real time, and minimizing paperwork.” – Peter Woollard, Head of Procurement, University College London

University College London Trims Overhead and Optimizes Spending Power

University College London (UCL) has over 19,000 students from more than 140 countries, and over 4,000 academic and research staff. UCL is London’s leading multi-faculty university and is recognized throughout the world for the excellence of its research, with 58 academic departments rated ‘5’, ‘5*’ and ‘best 5*’ in the UK government’s most recent Research Assessment Exercise.

Challenges

- Cut out duplication, simplify order processing, reduce errors, improve access to data and promote best value procurement
- Optimize spending by taking advantage of centrally negotiated contracts for scientific items and generic requirements
- Leverage value of existing investment in Oracle Purchasing

Solution

- Rolled out Oracle iProcurement to 270 users, taking advantage of Oracle’s intuitive Web-based requisitioning functionality to ensure rapid go-live while minimizing need for user training
- Used Oracle iProcurement to automate each step of the procure-to-pay process, reduce paperwork, and enforce the raising of purchase orders for all requisitions
- Benefited from the seamless interface between Oracle and *Science Warehouse*, a fully managed e-marketplace integrated with Oracle Database, to allow staff to requisition thousands of products from contracted suppliers via electronic catalogs
- Commenced a programme that aims to purchase the bulk of regularly used supplies required by UCL’s scientific community directly through *Science Warehouse* via the Oracle iProcurement front-end interface
- Used Oracle iProcurement to purchase generic items required by all departments, such as stationery and office equipment, online from approved suppliers at pre-negotiated costs
- Reduced off-contract purchasing, shortened purchasing cycles for most items, and benefited from central visibility of expenditure to gain timely insight into buying trends
- Leveraged Oracle Certified Advantage Partner Patech’s proven expertise in implementing self-service purchasing solutions for the public sector to gain rapid ROI