

MANAGING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE RESEARCH STUDENT WITH PEOPLESOFT CAMPUS SOLUTIONS

“The functions of university research offices and the demands on staff working in research program development and administration have become more varied, and have grown to embrace a wider range of activities and responsibilities. Moreover, there is a pressing requirement on the part of universities to efficiently manage and effectively identify opportunities upon which to focus declining institutional resources.”

The Research Universities Futures Consortium, June 2012 Report

Universities that offer graduate programs know that the lifecycle of a student pursuing an advanced degree with a focus on research differs significantly from the lifecycle of a student enrolled in undergraduate or professional development programs. PeopleSoft Campus Solutions provides research institutions with efficient, flexible solutions to manage graduate students from the time of application through association with the supporting committees—including tracking progress milestones, monitoring time-to-completion and thesis evaluation.

Overview

PeopleSoft Campus Solutions partners with higher education industry leaders around the globe to deliver the most modern technology solutions designed specifically for higher education. Oracle’s commitment to innovation and its leadership role in higher education is evidenced by its ongoing investment to make Campus Solutions the most complete, flexible student system available.

What this commitment from Oracle means for research universities is a continued investment in extending and enhancing the features and functionality they need to efficiently manage the research student lifecycle. An evaluation management system that supports the ability to track and assess the progress of a graduate candidate’s evaluation is just one of the innovative new technologies and flexible frameworks delivered that specifically benefits research institutions.

Flexible frameworks empower Oracle customers to innovate and extend functionality as needed to support the mission of the research universities and the constituents they serve. This document outlines some of the newest and most effective features delivered in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions for its research university customers.

Candidate Management

Higher education institutions are striving to better manage administrative resources, increase efficiencies, and reduce costs while meeting higher expectations for accountability and the continuing release of new regulations. These demands, however, are an even greater challenge for research institutions in an increasingly regulated and competitive environment. PeopleSoft Campus Solutions has expanded its student administration system to help research institutions centralize and manage information about an advanced degree candidate and the research program or multiple programs they choose to pursue.

Information	Research Topic	Supervisors	Consumption and Submission	Other Assignments
Will Coles		SRRS0040		  
Academic Institution:	PeopleSoft University	Candidate Number:	00000000254	
Academic Career:	Medical School	Student Career Nbr:	0	
Academic Program:	Medical Research Field	Academic Plan:	Field Research Site 1	
Program Status:	Active in Program	Days Remaining:	1307.00	
Candidate Information				
Start Date:	01/28/2013	Load:	FULL Full Time	
Early Submission Date:	10/09/2016	Final Submission Date:	10/09/2016	
*Status:	Active	Status Date:	03/07/2013	
Milestones				
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Milestone	Description	Date Required	Date Completed	Advisor/Evaluator 1
1 ENGLISH	English Proficiency	12/12/2013		
2 ESSAY	Essay	12/12/2015		
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<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Return to Search"/> <input type="button" value="Previous in List"/> <input type="button" value="Next in List"/> <input type="button" value="Notify"/> <input type="button" value="Update/Display"/> <input type="button" value="Include History"/> <input type="button" value="Correct History"/>				
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Summary page view of a research candidate

Candidate management features include:

- Creation of a central source for a research candidate's information during the admissions application process that allows for automatic activation and efficient management when a research-eligible academic program is selected
- Easy progress-tracking of the candidate's topic selection and approval, progress toward thesis completion, and consumption and submission dates
- Ability to track other assignments the candidate may receive from supervisors that are not a direct requirement of the thesis or program
- Extendable feature to manage and track research supervisors, their qualifications, participation, availability and assignments

Thesis Management and Evaluation

One of the foremost challenges faced by researchers, faculty and students in research institutions is the amount of time required to manage administrative tasks—time that takes individuals away from the actual research. This new release from PeopleSoft Campus Solutions includes enhancements that automate the thesis management and evaluation processes.

Thesis management and evaluation features include the ability to:

- Track multiple thesis submissions and monitor real-time progress and each activity or transaction related to a thesis
- Submit and view evaluation results and final approval with the list of final tasks associated with completion of a thesis
- Automatically link thesis data and evaluation with the candidate's record

Thesis Submission	Evaluation	Comments	Additional Information	Attachments
Maya Morris		SRRS0032		
Academic Institution:	PeopleSoft University	Candidate Number:	000000000013	Early Submission Date:
Academic Career:	Medical School	Career Nbr:	0	Final Submission Date:
Academic Program:	Medicine	Days Remaining: 0.00		
Academic Plan:	Human Testing Research			
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Effective Date:	02/19/2013	Effective Sequence:	2	Thesis Submission Nbr:
Thesis Status: Evaluation in Progress				
Examination				
Exam Supervisor Approval:	Approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exam Initiated		
Certificate Final Approval:		Certificate Approver:		
Result				
Evaluation Status:	Assign	Review Evaluations		
Recommendation:	Recommended Prize:			
Honors and Awards				
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Honor/Award	Description			
Degree: MD M.D. Doctor of Medicine Student Career/Program				
Finalization				
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Advised <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner Payments Processed <input type="checkbox"/> Library Submission Made <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to Graduation				

View of thesis evaluation management and approvals for a graduate student

Service Requests and Student and Administrator Self-Service

Graduate-level students and the research institution need flexibility in the management of advanced research programs. A student may need to take a leave of absence or notify a supervisor that a new thesis submission has been made or changed. The service request feature allows the graduate student to make a self-service request to the administrator with all the information, communications, and transactions between the student and administrator captured in the system.

The institution can define what requests can be made through this tool, knowing that all comments and approvals are being tracked. The tool also supports documents and other attachments as needed or required by the institution.

While the service request feature allows a student to make a request to be acted upon by a supervisor or administrator, both the student and the administrator need access to view and monitor progress, make comments, and see status and approvals. Administrators also need dashboard views of all their candidates' service requests and statuses.

Service Requests						
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Request ID	Student Name	Request Date	Request Type	Request Subtype	Status	Status Date
3	Scott Davis	03/04/2013	Thesis Submission	Thesis Outline	Comment	03/05/2013
1	Nancy Smith	03/04/2013	Submit Application Materials	Admission Application	Request Received	03/04/2013
1	Mary Pucek	03/04/2013	Thesis Submission	Notice of Intent to Submit Thesis	Request Approved	03/04/2013
1	Tina Smith	03/04/2013	Submit Application Materials	Additional Documentation	Request Received	03/04/2013
1	Scott Davis	03/04/2013	Accept Offer	Offer of Admission	Request Completed	03/04/2013
2	Scott Davis	03/04/2013	Accept Offer	Research Contract	Request Completed	03/04/2013
1	Michael Kaplan	03/04/2013	Supervisor Request	Appointment Request	Request Received	03/04/2013

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View of all service requests from graduate students assigned to that administrator

The new service request features in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions for research institutions include:

- Automated workflow between the student and administrator when the student makes or updates a service request
- Ability to make and track all comments by the student and administrator
- Administrator service request dashboards that include information on requests by status, type, student name or other criteria with the ability to click through to details

Conclusion

Oracle, in partnership with its higher education research institution customers, continues to deliver flexible solutions on the most modern technology so customers can manage the unique requirements and processes of their academic and research programs. The newest release of additional features to the Campus Solutions suite of products were specifically built to enable research institutions more agility and greater efficiencies in how they manage their research and graduate student programs.

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