



The University of York reimagine their future with Advanced

Background

Founded on the principles of excellence, equality and opportunity for all, the University of York opened in 1963. We began with just 230 students and are now one of the world's leading universities, creating an international reputation as an academic powerhouse. We are proud to be a part of the prestigious Russell Group, committed to the development of life-saving discoveries and new technologies to tackle some of the most pressing global challenges.

Looking for a strong solution

With the recent roll-out of a no PO, no pay initiative, we needed a solution that could guarantee our procurement process for university users was right every time.

Rob Hunt, Head of our procurement team at University of York says, *"Advanced's solution provides a user-friendly front-end ordering system that integrates with our back office systems. The system is intuitive and simple to use, a key requirement for implementing our no PO, no pay policy."*

What we needed

We needed to communicate centrally-negotiated deals across a diverse multi-faculty user base. Not only this but we were looking for a solution that ensures full budgetary control and commitment for every purchase order.

In addition to this, as an ever-improving university we needed a solution that could control complex spend with researcher-prescribed purchasing while reducing administration and ensuring purchasing is efficient and people friendly.

Our final essential requirement for a solution was finding a solution that could automate the full purchasing cycle, from purchase to pay. In 2012 we began working with Advanced and took steps to transform our organisation.

Moving to digital

Across the years, Advanced's system has allowed us to offer staff user-friendly search, comparison and order functionality.



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Aside from successful take-up by users, Advanced's system has enabled us to achieve a significant improvement in contract compliance and electronic invoicing – the latter improving to 20% of all invoices being processed totally electronically from a starting point of 0%.

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