



The University of Manchester generates £1.8m in efficiencies via eProcurement

In one year, the University raised over 56,000 purchase orders via Advanced. Invoice automation is essential to drive efficiencies, and around 20,000 invoices were processed via the solution with over £100k savings.



The University of Manchester was formed in October 2004, by the merger of the Victoria University of Manchester (established in 1851) and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (established in 1824). It is a member of the Russell Group of research-intensive British Universities, as well as being the largest single site university in the UK.

The challenge

One of our key criteria was that the new solution was able to integrate with Oracle ERP. We needed to increase the efficiency of the purchasing process and ensure all spend was appropriately controlled.

We also wanted to improve compliance against preferred supplier contracts, and provide visibility of these contracts across the University.

It was important we ensured all product and pricing data was up-to-date and accurate. We wanted enablement of key suppliers across all commodities for eProcurement.

The solution

Over 4,100 users have access to Advanced Cloud Marketplace, with exposure to products ranging from office supplies to complex bio-science structures.

The solution complements and integrates with the University's Oracle finance system. The intuitive interface makes requisitioning and ordering of routine commodities a much simpler process. By reducing unnecessary human intervention in the ordering process valuable staff time is freed up and the procurement to payment process has been greatly simplified.

Ian Jarvey, our Deputy Head of Procurement, comments, "Introducing Advanced Cloud Marketplace has significantly reduced the transactional costs of ordering and paying invoices for items procured through the system when compared to traditional purchasing routes."

We have also seen associated benefits in terms of increased contract compliance, closer supplier engagement and improved management of supplier accounts.

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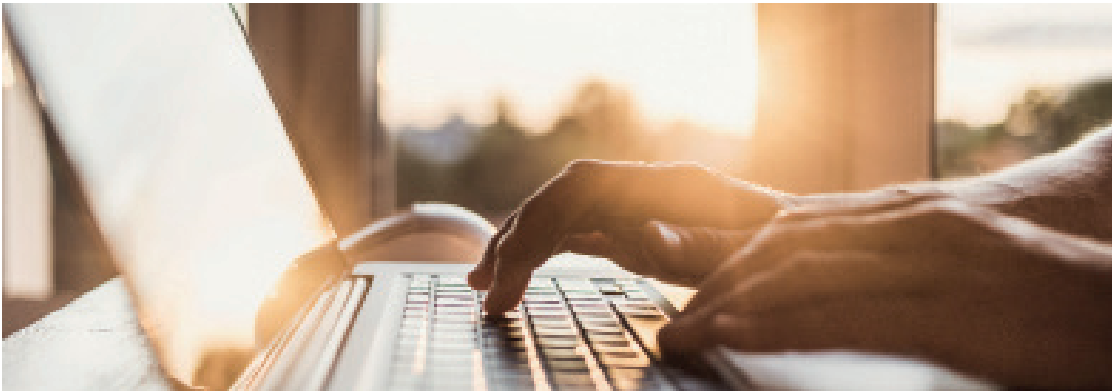
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Ian concludes, "Adopting the Advanced system has significantly enhanced the purchasing experience of users at the University as well as improving control of expenditure and contract compliance at a strategic level."

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