

With Advanced Cloud Marketplace, the University of Leeds can ensure every pound spent delivers value for money



6,500 catalogue users spent over £8.8 million through their Marketplace in the last year alone.

The University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK. Awarded University of the Year 2017 and part of the prestigious Russell Group, the highly research-intensive University strives to create, advance and disseminate knowledge, develop outstanding graduates and scholars and to make a major impact on global society. With over 32,000 students, and 8,000 staff members, the University of Leeds has been using Advanced Spend Management solutions since 2001.

The challenge

We wanted to communicate centrally-negotiated deals across a diverse, multi-faculty user base.

We needed to ensure full budgetary control and commitment for every purchase order. We also wanted to control complex spend with researcher-prescribed purchasing.

We aimed to reduce administration and ensure purchasing was efficient and people friendly. It was important to automate the full purchasing cycle, from purchase to pay.

The solution

The Advanced solution, integrated with the University's SAP system, provides a user-friendly front-end. It is an efficient way of ordering high volume, low cost tangible goods – a key requirement in such a research-intensive University. The solution is quick and easy for users, giving them autonomy but also the security that all their purchasing is fully compliant.

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Categories covered are as diverse as computing, furniture, office and science supplies. The addition of Advanced e-invoicing provides the University with an end-to-end procure to pay solution.

The system has generated measurable financial and efficiency savings. The automated PO process means that end users can create their own orders, leaving the Procurement Department to concentrate on more challenging areas of spend.

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Advanced e-invoicing

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Tim concludes, *"The Advanced Cloud Marketplace is a key component of the University's spend management processes; it brings efficiency and control to Procurement whilst providing the visibility to ensure that every pound spent delivers value for money".*

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