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Expenses

User Guide

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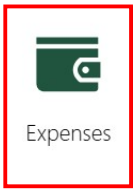
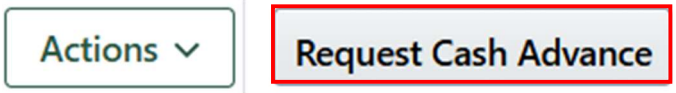
Cash Advances

A cash advance is an advance payment to an employee that covers incidental expenses while traveling or for business related activities. Cash advances may also be requested for grant-related participant payments (not allowed by every unit). Requests should be made 3-4 weeks prior to the date needed to allow time for approvals and funding. Advances should be cleared within 90 days.

Students who need to request a travel cash advance will do so through a separate process outside of WaveWorks.

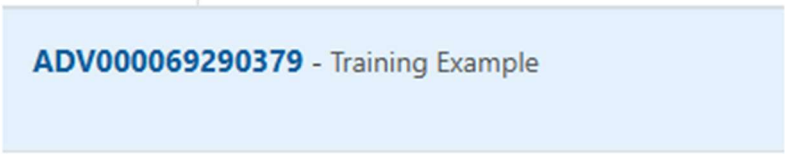
Cash Advances are cleared by completing an expense report to reconcile the activity from the cash advance.

Create a Cash Advance

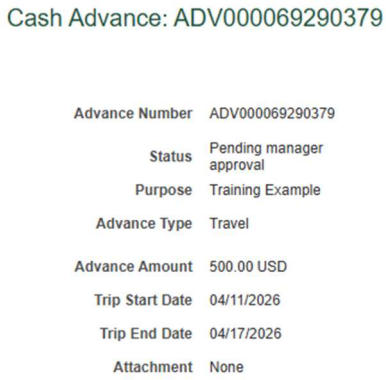
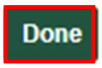
Once signed into WaveWorks click on the Me tab.	
Find and click on the Expenses Tile.	
Click on the Cash Advance icon.	 The suitcase is the bottom icon and represents cash advances
Click on Request Cash Advance	
Enter the Advance Amount.	

Enter the Purpose.	* Purpose **This is why you are requesting the advance Please indicate which Project this will be reconciled to Please indicate the Study Number (if applicable)
Choose the Advance Type from the dropdown.	Advance Type Travel Travel- travel request Gift Card- request involving gift card purchases Grants- request to be reconciled with a grant Non-Grants- request to be reconciled with a non-grant project Other- other requests
Enter a Trip Start Date.	Trip Start Date mm/dd/yyyy This is only required for travel advances
Enter a Trip End Date.	Trip End Date mm/dd/yyyy This is only required for travel advances
Add Required Documentation by clicking the Plus Sign.	Attachment None Attachments could include spending approval or grant documentation justifying the request
Save or Submit the request.	Save Submit Cancel If your request is not ready to submit, save it for later Only by clicking the submit button will the request be sent for approval and funding The advance will be funded to the account in an employee's HR record The advance will be reconciled after the activity is complete and within 90 days

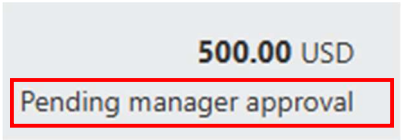
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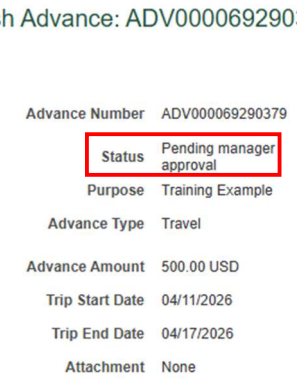
From the Cash Advance Page, click on the advance to manage.	
Click on the Actions drop down to withdraw or duplicate the request.	

View the Details of a Cash Advance

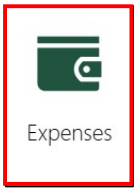
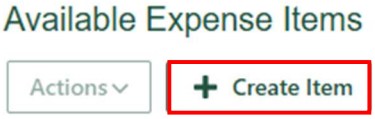
From the Cash Advance Page, click on the advance view.	
View Details	
Click Done to close.	

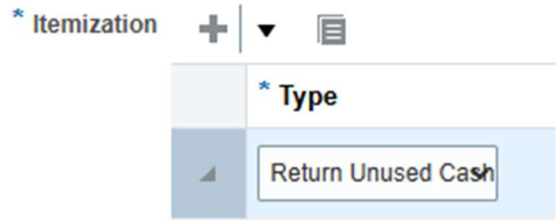
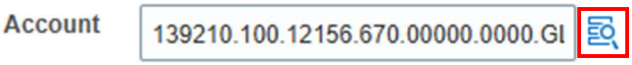
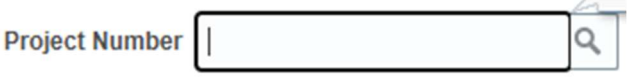
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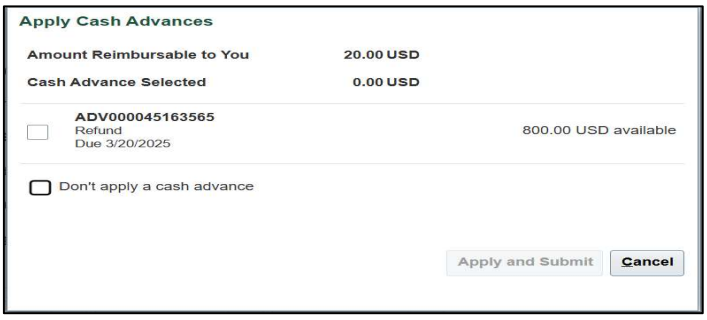
From the Cash Advance Home Screen.	 Look to the right of the cash advance line under the amount

From the Cash Advance Details Screen.	 The status line will show the current workflow step

Return Unused Cash Advances

Sign into WaveWorks. Click on the Me tab.	
Find and click on the Expenses Tile.	
Click the **Create Item** button under Expense Items.	
Enter the Expense Date.	 Manually enter or use the calendar
Select the Tulane Employee Expense Template.	
Select Return Unused Cash Advance as the Type.	 Selecting this will load all required fields for this expense type

Enter Unused Portion of the Advance.	
Enter the Description of the Expense.	 Give as much detail as possible for approvers
Enter Return Unused Cash Advance as the Merchant.	
Itemize the Expense Item.	
Click on the Blue Box next to the Account line.	
Enter 00000000 into the Alias Box.	 There are 8 0's in this number
Enter 000000 in the Cost Center Box.	 There are 6 0's in this number
Enter 12156 in the Natural Account Box.	
Click Ok.	
DO **NOT** ENTER A PROJECT NUMBER.	 DO **NOT** ENTER A PROJECT NUMBER.

Save and Close or Add to a Report.	
Apply the Cash Advance upon submitting the report.	

Expense Reports

Create and submit expense reports for T&E purchases and/or reimbursements for out-of-pocket expenses. P-card purchases will be available for reconciliation throughout the month and submittal after the 26th of each month.

This is for faculty and staff only. Students should speak to their funding department about reimbursement.

Note: **Corporate Card** (T&E) transactions will automatically import and be found under available expense items for placement onto a report.

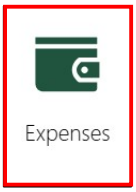
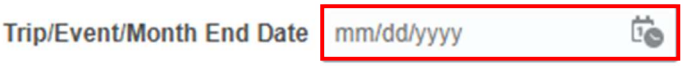
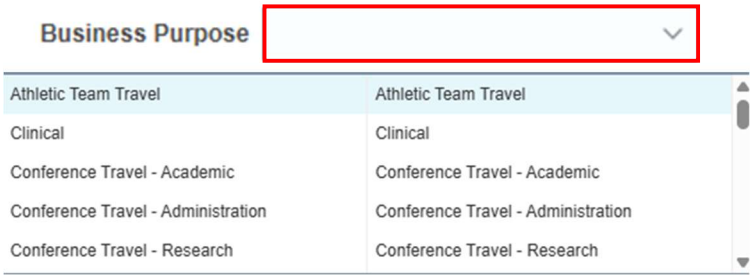
Purchasing Card (P-Card) transactions will automatically be placed into a monthly report for itemization, receipt attachment and submittal. **Reports should not be submitted before the 26th of each month nor should the report purpose be changed.**

Create an Expense Report

Create the Expense Report

Reports can be created for the month, per event or per trip.

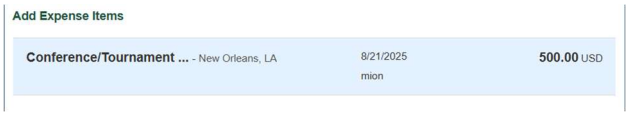
Sign into WaveWorks. Click on the Me tab.	

Find and click on the Expenses Tile.	
Click on Expenses.	 The wallet is the top icon and represents expenses
Click on Create Report.	
Enter the Purpose.	 This is the report title and must start with FYxx P-Card report purposes will automatically populate and should **NOT** be changed from the assigned format
Attach Report Level Attachments.	 **This is NOT for receipts.** Attach conference agendas, proof of attendence, travel itemization forms, 45- day late form, funds authorization, etc
Enter the trip, event or month end date.	 Manually enter or use the calendar icon. This date that will start your 45-day window for submission
Choose a Business Purpose from the drop down.	 This is a required field

Choose Yes, if travel has been booked outside of Concur or World Travel.	* Does report have travel booked outside of Tulane Travel Program? NO Choose Yes even if a conference hotel or airbnb was booked Choose Yes even if a pre-approved policy exception was obtained (attach to the report)
Explain the possible policy violation.	* Explain the reason for possible policy violation
Click Save.	Save Submit Cancel

Add Existing Expenses from within a Report

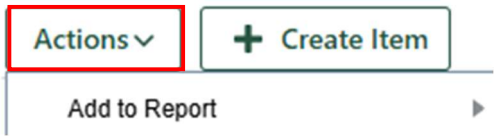
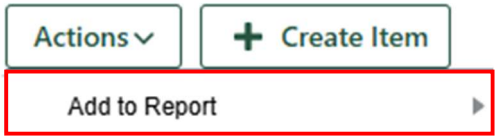
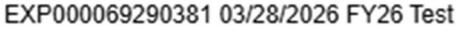
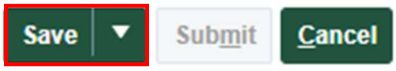
Add T&E charges to the appropriate reports. P-Card charges will create their own report. The P-Card report should not be submitted until after the 26th of the month, be sure to check the dates of the report.

From the report, Click the Add Existing button under expense items.	
Choose the appropriate expense(s) from the popup box.	 Click shift to choose more than one expense
Click Apply.	
Click Ok.	 The items are now attached to your report
Click Save.	Save Submit Cancel

Add Existing Expenses Outside of a Report

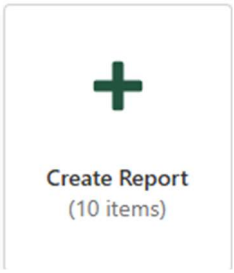
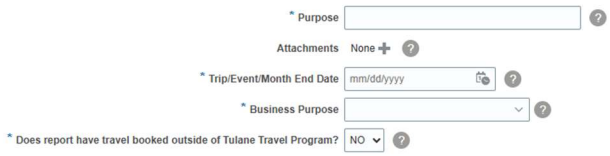
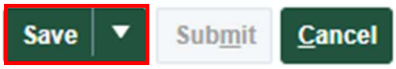
Add T&E charges to the appropriate reports. P-Card charges will automatically be added to the report for itemization and submittal.

Add Expenses to an existing report

From the Expenses home page, click on the boxes of the expenses to add to a report.	
Click Actions.	
Click Add to Report.	
Choose the Appropriate Report.	
Click Save.	
Itemize the individual Expenses.	

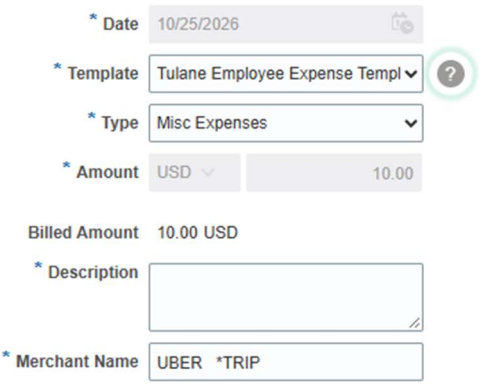
Add Expenses to a new report

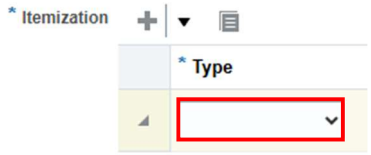
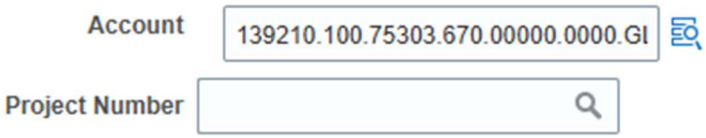
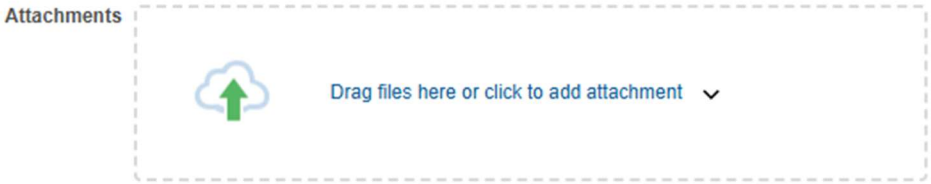
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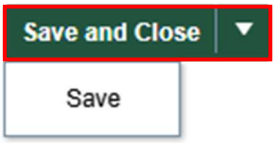
Click Create Report.	
Complete the Expense Report Header.	
Click Save.	
Itemize the individual Expenses.	

Reconciling Expenses

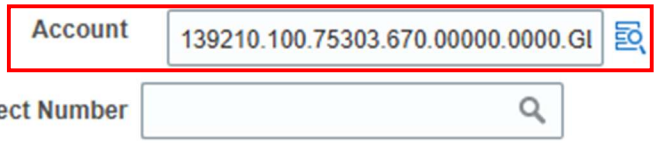
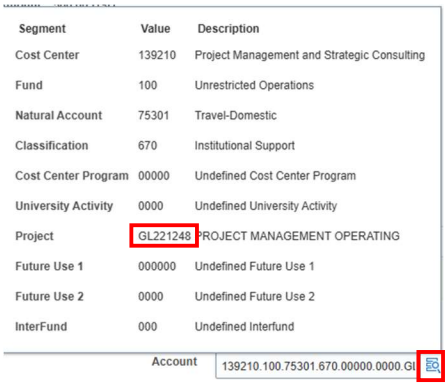
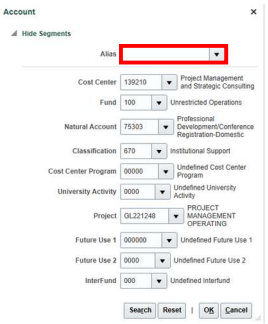
Every expense must be reconciled with the expenditure type, description, merchant, itemization, and receipt.

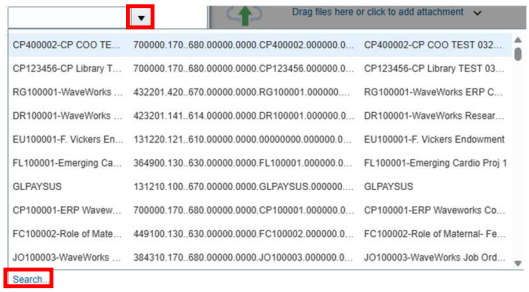
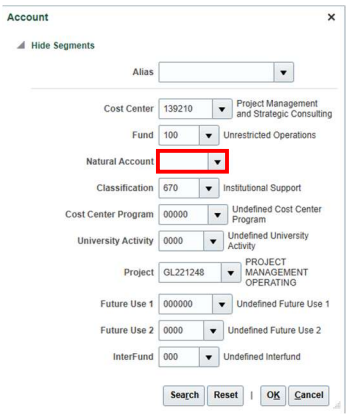
Click on the expense date to reconcile.	
Verify that all imported fields are correct.	 Expenditure Type is the new term for natural account The date cannot be updated on imported expenses

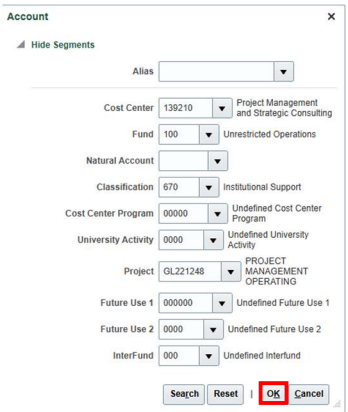
Update the Type.	 **TIP** The default will be Misc Update before making other edits
Enter the item Description.	 Description is a required field and should have detail for the specific expense item
Itemize the expense. Click on the drop down to choose type.	 Itemize is the new term for allocation Only one option will be found in the drop down based on the type chosen above
Complete the accounting fields.	 See detailed instructions for using a GL, Non-Sponsored and Sponsored Project
Enter the amount being charged to the project.	 Each project being charged must have it's own line- see spitling itemizations for more information
Add the receipt for this item.	 Receipts are required for all transactions except travel agent fees, international transaction fees, and taxis under $75 (Uber and Lyft require receipts)

Save the expense item.	 Save and close the item or use the arrow to just save

Itemize Expenses using a GL Project

Use the Account field to charge to a project beginning with a GL prefix.	 **Only use the Account field for accounts that begin with the GL prefix** If using the account field, do not use the project number field- to spilt an allocation 2 or more accounting lines are required
Hover over the blue icon next to the account field to see the employee expense default.	 If the expense default is the correct project, add the amount, attach the receipt and save
To change the GL Project, click on the blue icon. If the GL project is known, enter in the alias box.	 **TIP** Use the format GLxxxxxx% and hit the enter key To use a deposit or clearing account, search for the GL000000 account for your Cost Center (example GL000000-Student Depos)

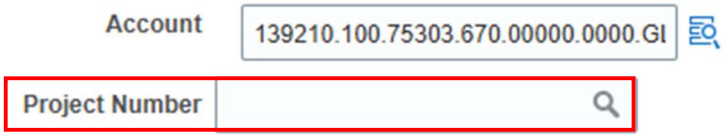
To search for an Alias, click the drop-down arrow on the alias field. Click the blue search button.	
Search in the Alias field. Click Search.	 **TIP** Enter capital GL and the known numbers with a % at the end to search If searching with a partial set of numbers use a % at the beginning and end of the search **This will search for non GL projects but do not use this field for any non GL prefix**
Re-enter the natural account.	 **TIP** The natural account can be found on the original string- move the Alias box over to see it It is the 3rd set of numbers 

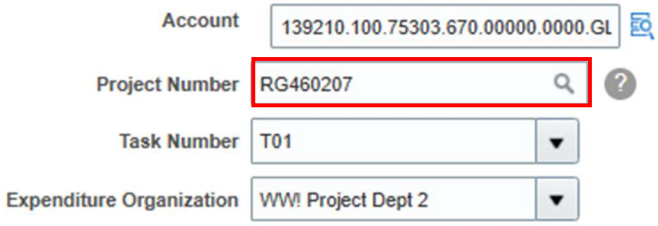
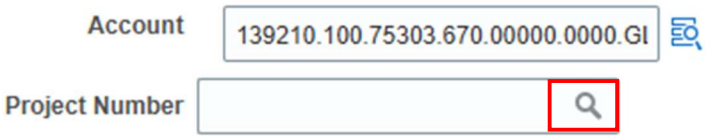
Click Ok.	 **DO NOT update the Cost Center, Fund, Classification, Future or Interfund Fields.** Updating the Project field directly is not recommended Add the amount, reciept and save

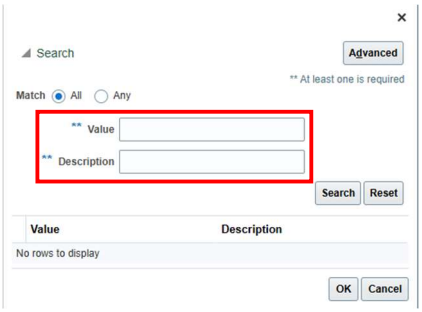
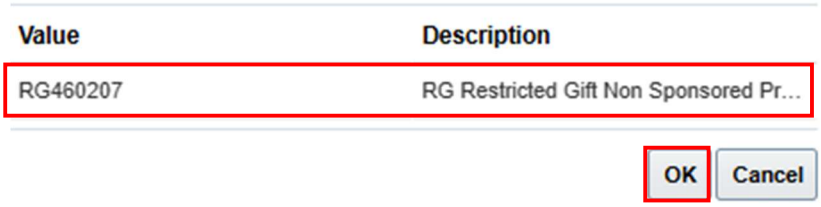
Itemize Expenses using a Non-Sponsored or Sponsored Project

If an employee is charging a Non-Sponsored or Sponsored Project outside of their cost center, the report will still route to their Cost Center Manager for approval.

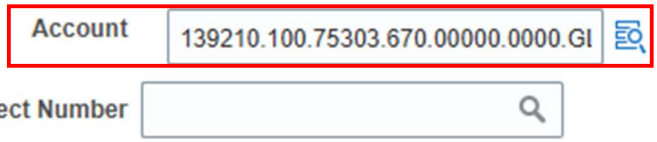
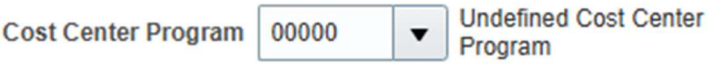
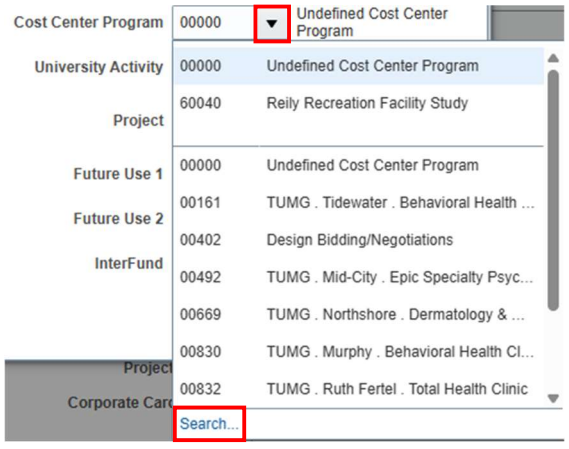
The employee should add information to the description field of the expense to indicate this so their Cost Center Manager can just approve and move the report to the appropriate task manager for approval.

Use the Project number field to charge to a project.	 This field is for accounts with non-GL prefixes **Do not** use the Account field if the expense item is being charged to a project with a non-GL prefix **TIP** **DO NOT** erase the account field when using the project number field

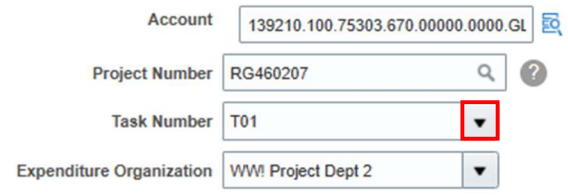
Non-Sponsored Project Enter the project number in the Project Number field.	 The task number may populate for a Non-Sponsored Project if you press the enter key or click on the white space of the screen **Do not remove or change the account line**
Enter the Expenditure Organization.	 There should only be one choice in the drop down if this does not autopopulate
Sponsored Project Enter the project number in the Project Number field.	 The task number, Expenditure Organization, Award Number and Funding Source will populate for a Sponsored Project if you press the enter key or click on the white space of the screen **Do not remove or change the account line**
Search for a Project with the magnifying glass.	

Enter the Value **or** Description. Click Search.	 Value is the prefix and numbers of the project Description is the name of the project **TIP** Click Advanced and search with contains
Highlight the project. Click OK.	

How to add a Cost Center Program with a GL Project

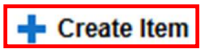
Click on the account field.	 This is only for projects with a **GL prefix**
Enter the Cost Center Program.	 **DO NOT update the Cost Center, Fund, Classification, Future or Interfund Fields.**
Search by using the Down Arrow and the Search button.	

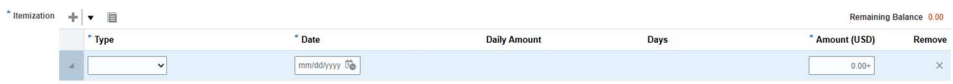
How to add a Cost Center Program with a Non-Sponsored or Sponsored Project

Add the Project in the Project Number field. Click the Task Number Dropdown.	 **TIP** If a Cost Center Program was not previously used on a project, it will not be an option **TIP** To request access to a Cost Center Program, complete the Service Now request
Choose the correct Cost Center Program.	

Create Out of Pocket/Cash Expenses

Out of Pocket/Cash Expenses are those not paid by T&E or P-Card. As a reminder, if an employee has a T&E card they should be using that card for the appropriate purchases.

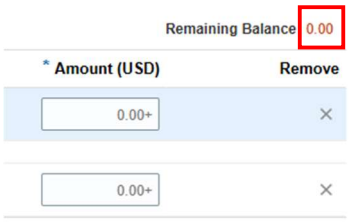
Click the **Create Item** button under Expense Items.	
Enter the Expense Date.	 You can manually enter or use the calendar
Select the Template.	 This should always be the Expense Template for out-of-pocket expenses

Select the Type.	* Type This is the natural account Selecting this will load all required fields for the chosen expense type
Enter the Amount of the Expense.	* Amount USD
Enter the Description of the Expense.	* Description Give as much detail as possible for approvers
Enter the Merchant Name.	* Merchant Name Save your expense to save this information in the itemization
Complete the Itemization.	 See Reconciling Expenses for more information Attach the receipt and save

Spilt an Itemization between 2 or more Projects

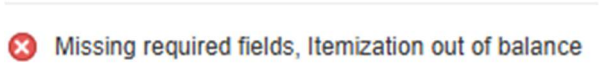
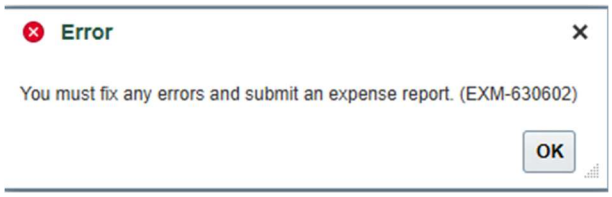
Each project being charged must have its own line for the charges to be accounted correctly.

Enter the first project's information.	Account 139210.100.75303.670.00000.0000.GI Project Number See detailed instructions for using a GL, Non-Sponsored and Sponsored Project
Click the Plus Sign.	* Itemization
Enter the next project's information.	Account 139210.100.75303.670.00000.0000.GI Project Number See detailed instructions for using a GL, Non-Sponsored and Sponsored Project

Add the amount to charge each project.	 The remaining balance must be $0.00

Correcting Errors

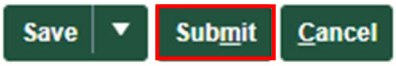
Error notifications will appear in many places on the report and give the specific error to correct.

Submit a Report

Once all T&E expenses are added to a report, they are ready to be submitted. P-Card reports should not be submitted until after the 26th of the second month listed in the purpose (example 26May2026_25Jun2026 should not be submitted until June 26, 2026).

Click the policy box.	 You will be unable to submit until you attest to following Tulane policies. **TIP** If you need to read the policy, click on the blue hyperlink to be taken to the policy.

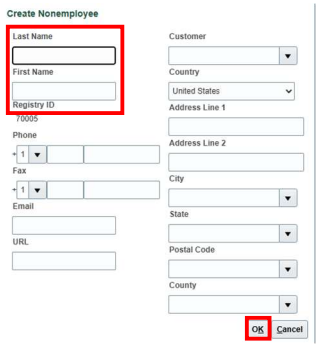
Click Submit.	 Not ready to submit, save for later

Add Attendees to an Expense

Attendees are required for certain Types such as meals, entertainment, etc. If the chosen Type requires attendees those fields will appear on the itemization line.

Attendee lists may be added either to the report header (if the report is for one event) or to the expense item (if there are multiple expenses with different attendees). Please indicate that the list is attached in the description box. One attendee is required on the expense item.

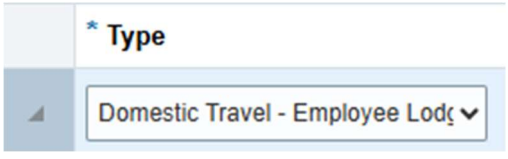
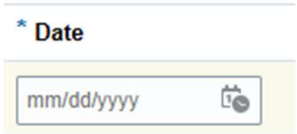
Click Manage Attendees	 **TIP** This will only appear if a date is chosen in the itemization
Click the plus sign to add Tulane Employee Attendees.	
Click on the box next to the attendee's name.	 Direct reports will be listed or Tulane employees can be found under the search **TIP** Search is by first name. To search by last name filter to advanced and contains 
Click the star to add the attendee to favorites.	

Click the plus sign to create a Non-Tulane Attendee.	 For previously created non-Tulane attendees, search under Find Attendees
Add the attendee first and last name. Click OK.	 All other fields are not required
Check the Divide Amount Equally box. Click OK.	 To manually divide the expense use the boxes for each attendee

Lodging Itemization

Lodging paid on a T&E card will have the charge automatically import to WaveWorks. Reimbursement of lodging should be done as an out-of-pocket expense.

Lodging no longer needs to be itemized by day and by category (i.e. taxes vs room rate).

To itemize, choose the lodging option.	
Enter the date of the card transaction.	

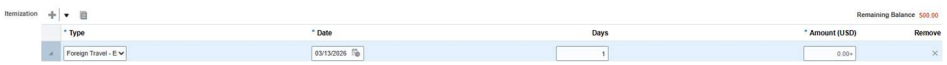
Enter the Amount to be charged.	
Enter the number of Days of the stay.	
The Daily Amount will calculate.	
Choose Itemization Penny Adjustment if applicable.	 This step may not be necessary This item should have it's own line, allocation and amount

Per Diem

Per Diem is an employee only option and allows the employee to be reimbursed at a set rate depending on location. Complete the per diem or travel itemization form and attach this plus a screenshot from either GSA (domestic rates) or the State Department (international rates) as your receipt.

Students and Business guests requiring per diem should be reimbursed through the Candex punchout in procurement.

Select the Date.	 This should be the last day of the trip
Select the Expense Template.	
Choose the Expenditure Type.	 The form, GSA site, and State Department site are linked in the question mark

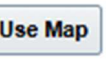
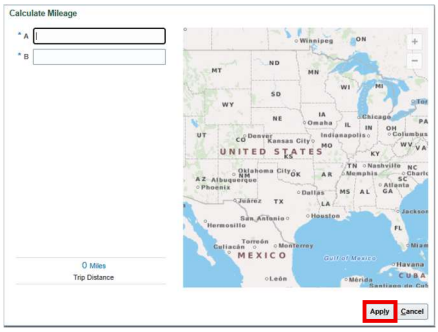
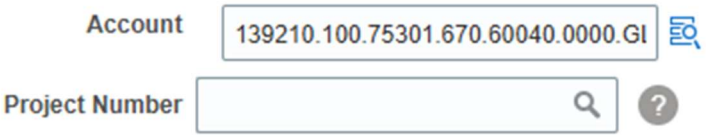
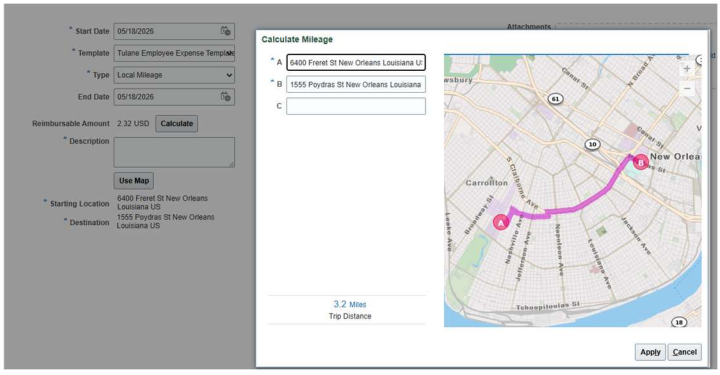
Enter the Amount.	* Amount USD This is the total for the entire trip
Enter the Description.	* Description
Enter Per Diem as the Merchant.	* Merchant Name
Itemize the expense.	 Enter the full amount and 1 day
Add attachments.	 The travel form and screenshot of the GSA or State Department site is required

Mileage

Mileage is only for employees. Business guests and students requiring mileage should be reimbursed through the Candex punchout in procurement.

Local mileage is anywhere in Louisiana and Mississippi. Mileage outside Louisiana and Mississippi requires a flight comparison and the lessor amount will be reimbursed. You do not need to attach a receipt if using the map function in WaveWorks.

Enter the Start Date.	* Start Date 03/13/2026
Select the Expense Template.	* Template Tulane Employee Expense Temp
Select the Type.	* Type Local Mileage Can be Domestic Travel- Employee Mileage, Local Mileage, or Athletics Mileage (only for Athletics use)
Add a Description.	* Description

Click Use Map.	 Do **not** manually add in a starting location and destination
Enter the addresses for the round trip. Click Apply.	 Each round trip should be its own expense item
The Distance will calculate.	
Calculate the reimbursed amount.	
Itemize the expense.	 See detailed instructions for using a GL, Non-Sponsored and Sponsored Project
Attach a screenshot of the map with the calculation as a receipt.	

Foreign Currency

For cash transactions/out-of-pocket expenses purchased in a currency other USD, please update the currency amount on that transaction. T&E charges will automatically convert in WaveWorks to USD once the transaction is added to a report.



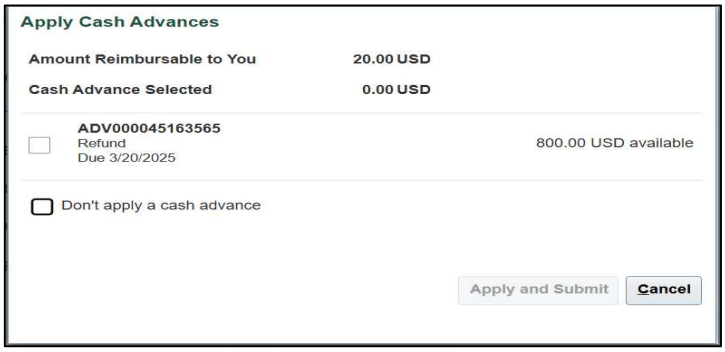
Charging a Project outside of the home Cost Center

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Apply a Cash Advance to a Report

If an approved cash advance is available, you will be prompted to attach it upon submitting a report.

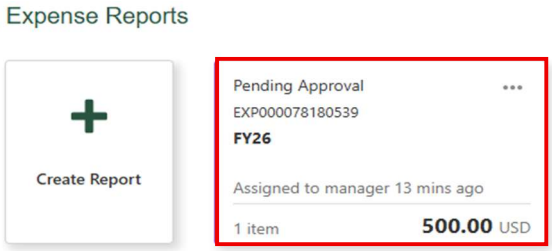
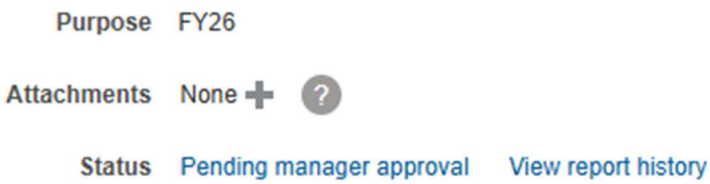
Click the box next to the advance to attach or the don't apply box. Click apply and submit.	

Personal Expenses/Accidental charges

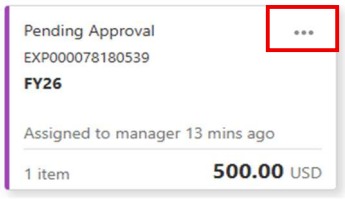
If an employee has mistakenly charged their T&E or P-card take the following steps to reimburse Tulane.

a. The employee writes a check made to Tulane University.
b. Deposit the funds into the appropriate project (typically an operational account).
c. Allocate the expense to the same project.
d. Attach the expense receipt and the completed deposit from the Bursar's office to the expense item.
e. Submit the report.

Check a Report's Workflow

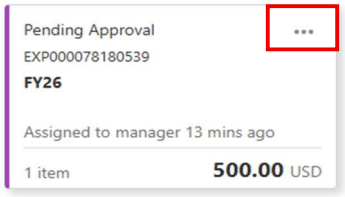
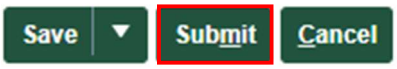
Click on the Report.	 The current workflow step is shown here
Click on pending manager approval.	 The entire workflow is seen in this step The report history will show the entire report history

Withdraw a Submitted Report

Click on the three dots.	
Click Withdraw.	
Click Yes.	

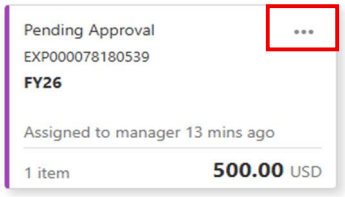
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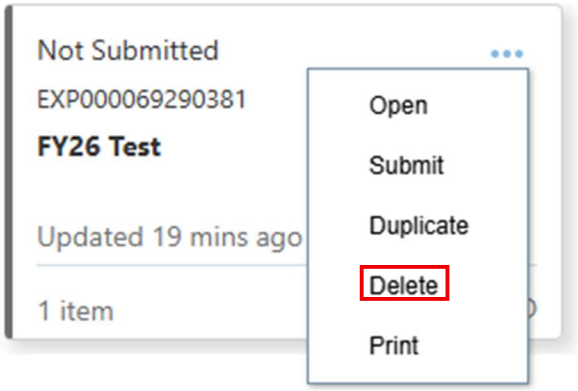
Copying reports saves time in creating the same expense items frequently. Once a duplicate is created, editing, adding, or removal of items is allowed.

Click on the three dots.	
Click Duplicate.	
A copy will open. Make all necessary changes.	 Delete all duplicate charges
Click Submit.	 If you are not ready to submit, save for later.

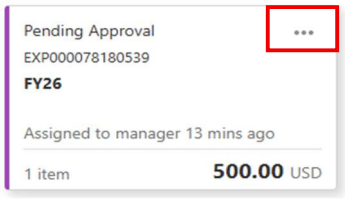
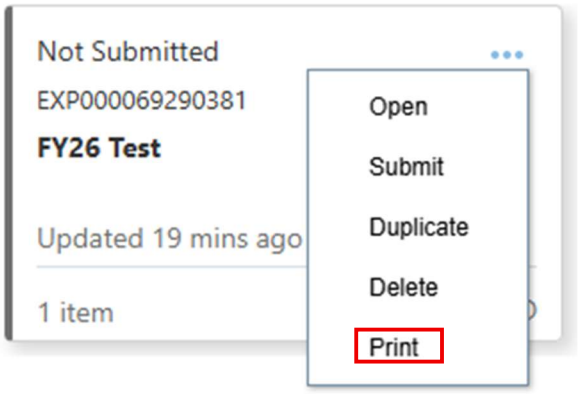
Delete a Report

Only reports that have not been submitted may be deleted. If a report has been submitted, it must be withdrawn first to be deleted.

Click on the three dots.	

Click Delete.	
Click Yes.	

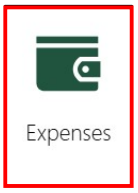
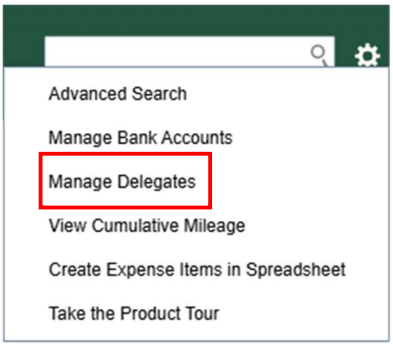
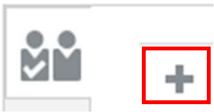
Print a Report

Click on the three dots.	
Click Print.	 A pdf will download

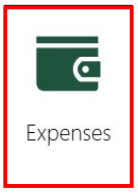
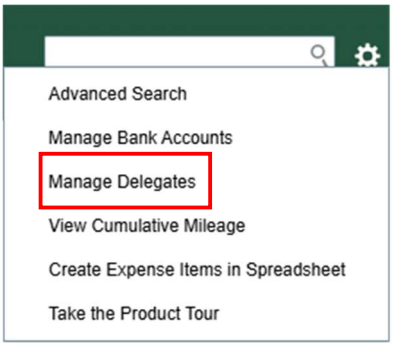
Delegates

Delegates are allowed to create and submit cash advances and reports on an employee's behalf. The travel/expense. team will be assigned as every employee's delegate, this is correct and should not be changed.

Create a Delegate

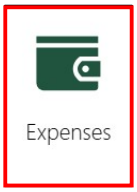
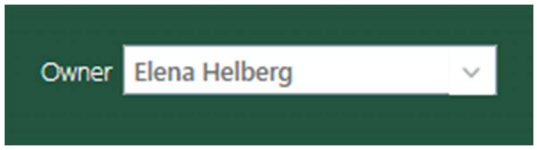
Once signed into WaveWorks click on the Me tab.	 The tabs are in the bar under your name.
Find and click on the Expenses Tile.	
Click on the Gear.	 The gear is in the upper right hand corner
Click Manage Delegates.	
Click on the plus sign.	 All of your current delegates will be listed here
Search for the employee to be your delegate.	 This search is first last name Click on their name when found
Click Save.	 Click Save to add more delegates Click Save and Close to return to the Expenses homepage

Manage a Delegate

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Click on the plus sign.	 All of your current delegates will be listed here
Highlight the Delegate to manage.	
Click the X.	
Click Yes.	

Click Save.	 Click Save to manage more delegates Click Save and Close to return to the Expenses homepage

Act as a Delegate

Once signed into WaveWorks click on the Me tab.	 The tabs are in the bar under your name.
Find and click on the Expenses Tile.	
Click on Owner Drop Down.	
Choose who to work as.	 Complete reports as normal once acting as a delegate

How to Activate and Inactivate Bank Accounts for Expense Reimbursements

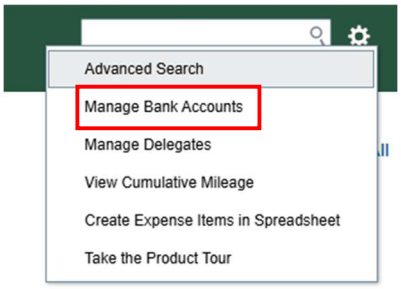
Employees using the Expenses Module may add a specific bank account for expense reimbursements.

From the Me tab, click on Expenses.



Expenses

Click the gear wheel and choose Manage Bank Accounts.



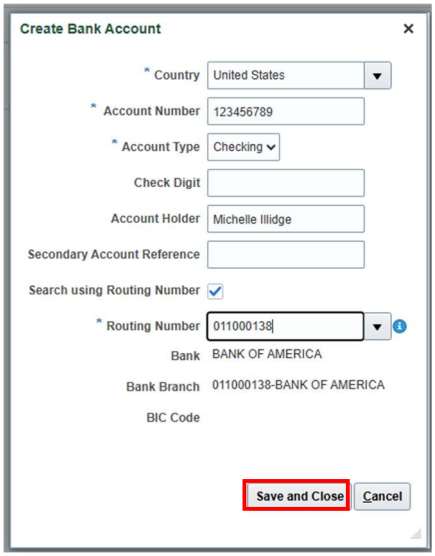
The Gear wheel is in the upper right corner

Verify the Account and Routing Numbers on the Primary Account.



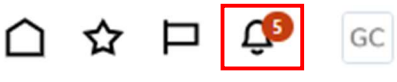
To Add a New Bank Account, click the Plus Sign.

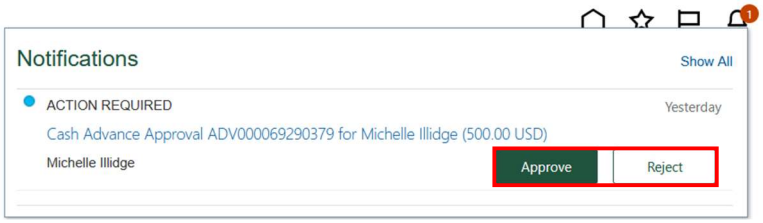
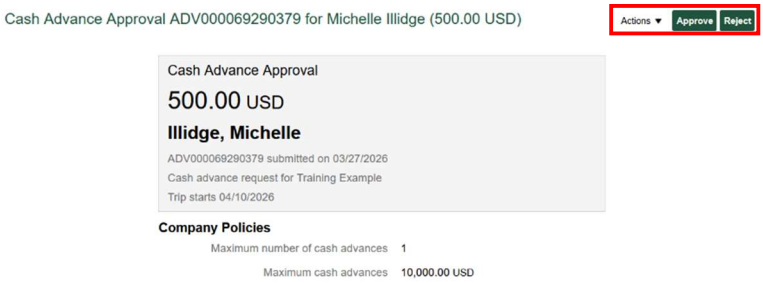


Enter the appropiate banking information. Click Save and Close.	
Highlight the Account to be used for Expense Reimbursement.	
Click Primary.	
Verify that the check mark is on the proper bank.	

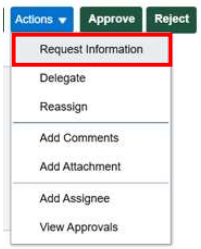
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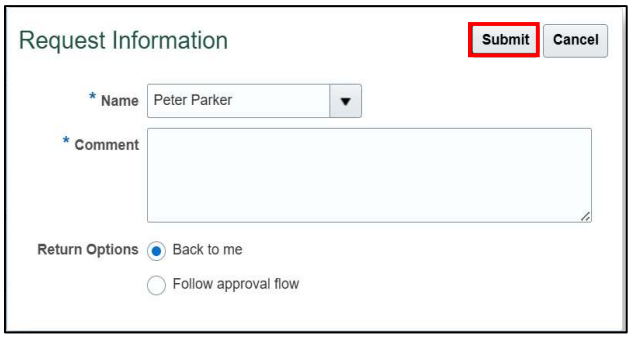
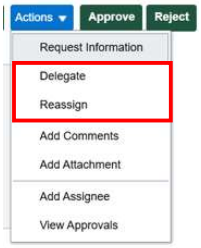
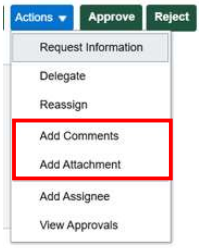
Approvers will receive email notifications of pending approvals.

Once signed into WaveWorks click on the Bell Icon.	

Approve or Reject from the list.	
Click on Approval to see more detail.	
Click on Actions, Approve or Reject.	
To add any comments or attachments, click on the item first. Click Submit.	
Click Show All to see all approvals.	

Approval Actions

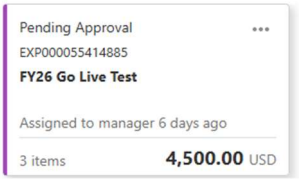
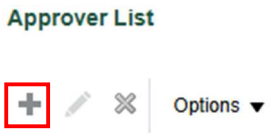
Request Information from the report owner.	

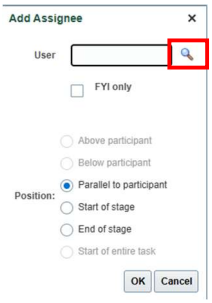
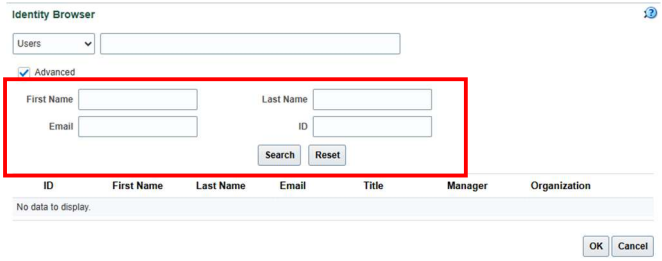
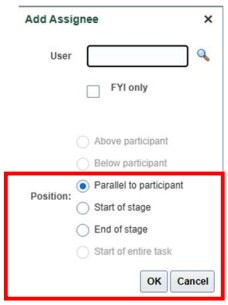
Do not change the name. Enter a Comment. Choose return Option.	 Back to me skips earlier approvers Follow approval flow starts the workflow again
Delegate or Reassign the approval.	
Choose the person to delegate or reassign. Add a comment. Click Submit.	 You can search by user name, under id or email
Add Comments or Attachments.	

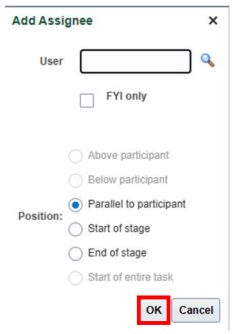
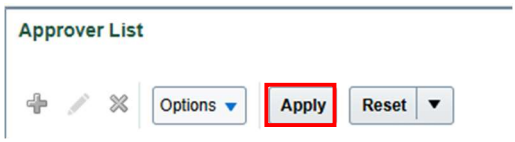
Once added, click Save.	
Click Approve or Reject.	 Approving will move the item to the next approver

How to add an Expense Approver as a report owner

A report owner may add an ad hoc approver to their workflow.

Click on the expense report that needs the ad hoc approver.	
Click on the Pending Approval Link.	 Click on the blue hyperlink to open
Highlight the step to add an approver before.	 Only future steps may be chosen.
Click the Plus Sign.	 The plus sign shade will change when a correct step is chosen

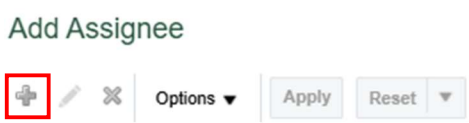
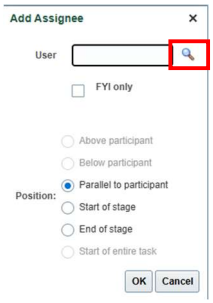
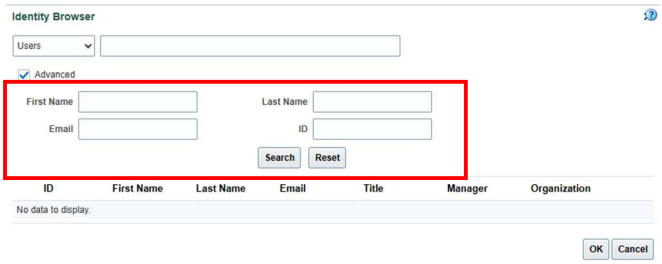
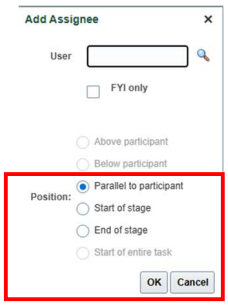
Search for the approver using the magnifying glass.	
Search for the approver.	
Choose the approver.	
Click Ok.	
Choose the stage to add the approver.	 Parallel to participant will allow either approver in that stage to approve Start of stage will send to the added approver first End of stage will send to the added approver last

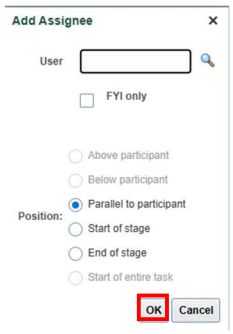
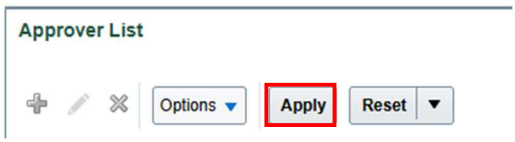
Click Ok.	
	
Click Apply.	

How an Approver adds another Expense Approver

An approver may add an ad hoc approver to the workflow.

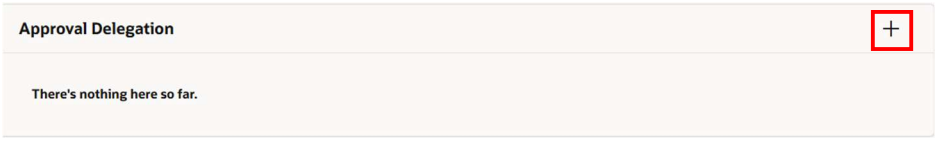
From the Approval, Click on the Actions down arrow. Click Assignee.	
Highlight the step where the approver should be added.	 Only future steps may be chosen

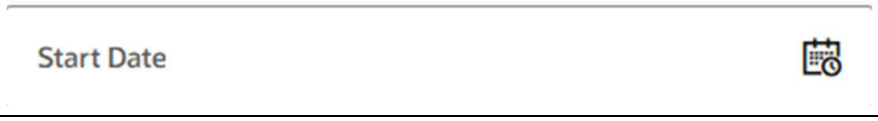
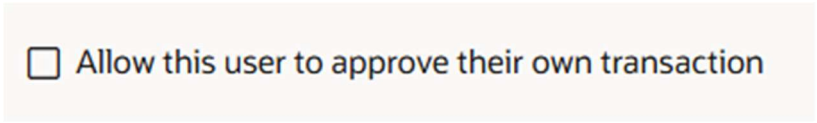
Click the Plus Sign.	 The plus sign shade will change when a correct step is chosen
Search for the approver using the magnifying glass.	
Search for the approver.	
Choose the approver.	
Click Ok.	
Choose the stage to add the approver.	 Parallel to participant will allow either approver in that stage to approve Start of stage will send to the added approver first End of stage will send to the added approver last

Click Ok.	
	
Click Apply.	

Approval Delegation

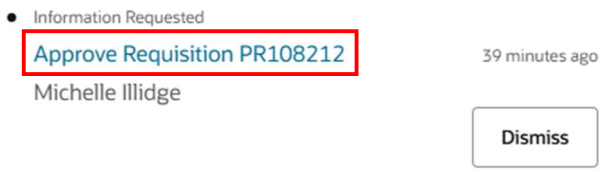
An approval delegation may be set to accommodate employees who will be out of the office for a period of time and will allow the delegate to approve expense reports.

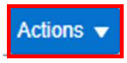
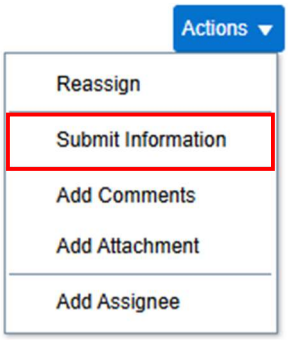
Click on Roles and Delegations from the Me tab.	
Click on the Plus Sign under Approval Delegations.	
Add a Rule Name.	

Enter a Start Date.	
Enter an End Date.	
Enter a Category.	 You should choose the Expense Approval
Choose the employee to Delegate To.	 Search is first last name
DO NOT Click the box to allow a user to approve their own transaction.	
Click Save.	

Submit Requested Information

To respond to a request for information in WaveWorks, a user must submit the information from the notification bell. If you do not submit the information following these steps, the transaction will not go back to the approver and back into workflow.

Sign into WaveWorks. Click on the Bell Notification.	
Click on the blue hyperlink for the Requested Information item.	

Click on Actions.	
Click on Submit Information.	
Add a comment. Attach documents (if applicable). Click Sumbit.	