

# Fund Manager vs ERP

## Can ERP alone meet the needs of research administrators?

ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning software such as PeopleSoft or WorkDay) is essential for any organization, but cannot cover the needs of research administrators alone. Built by industry experts with PIs and research administrators in mind, Cayuse Fund Manager was specifically designed for granular accounting for grants management, providing the post-award financial management infrastructure traditional accounting ERPs lack.

	ERP	Cayuse
Accessible by all shareholders, including PIs		
What-if planning on a granular, grant-by-grant basis		
Manage appointments and salary splits for faculty		
— Accommodate faculty appointments and salary splits in the scenario planning tools		
Dashboards customized by user type, including granular levels of access by department, grant, portfolio, and more		
Incorporate F&A-related expenses automatically or with projections building		
— Build-in specific F&A requirements, including exclusions, fabricated equipment, and more		
Institutional encumbrance management, including related F&A, by all end-users at their level		
Scenario planning with average monthly projections		
— Project end spend down included in scenario planning projections		
— Scenario planning supports and reduces audit risk for high project end spending on grants and contracts		
— Scenario planning supports cost share accounts		
Built in alerts for grant spending parameters		
NCE's/carry forward on grant accounts		
Easy communication between admins and PIs in a shared workspace		
Language accessible to PIs, not just accountants		
Terms and conditions entered into the system and monitored		
Support for sponsor-specific reporting requirements, including FFR, budget revisions, and more		
Handles reconciliations specific to UG requirements (allowable, allocable, reasonable, consistent)		