Hello, I am Desiree Dreszer, Director of Product Management on the Oracle Student Financial Aid team, and in this spotlight I will be reviewing the updates we are delivering with 24C.

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Enhancing Administration Usability

Non-Federal Fund Enhancements

In 24C we released updates including enhancements to the Load ISIR UI, seamless integration to support external awards within non federal fund processing, and increasing usability when manually adding non-federal funds.

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Non-Federal Fund Enhancements

We will start with covering the updates that were made to enhancing usability within administration.

Enhanced ISIR Loading User Interface

Allows for greater usability and visibility when loading student ISIRs through the user interface.

Added Benefits

- Upload ISIR files using the drag-and-drop feature
- Maximum file upload size has been raised from 1MB to 10MB
- Multiple ISIR files can be uploaded
- Status table with details of files uploaded during user session including the name, status, and any error messages.

We have enhanced the ISIR Load UI to allow for greater ease and visibility when loading student ISIRs through the user interface.

You now have the ability to use drag and drop functionality to upload ISIRs, the capability to upload multiple ISIRs at once, and the file size limits have been increased to 10MB. Additionally a status table will show you the details of the file upload to easily view which uploads were successful.

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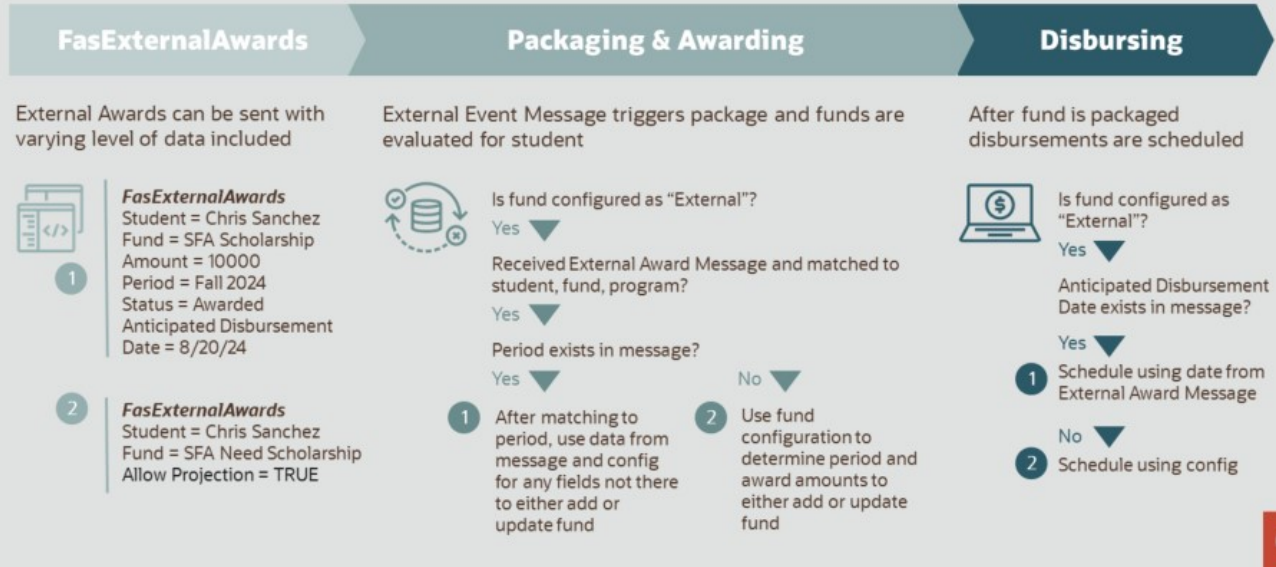### Enhancing Administration Usability
Non-Federal Fund Enhancements

Moving now onto the non-federal fund enhancements.

External Awards with Enhanced Non-Federal Fund Processing

Seamless integration for externally sourced funds that provides flexibly for additional processing to be applied during packaging.

FasExternalAwards	Packaging & Awarding	Disbursing

External Awards can be sent with varying level of data included

1 *FasExternalAwards*
Student = Chris Sanchez
Fund = SFA Scholarship
Amount = 10000
Period = Fall 2024
Status = Awarded
Anticipated Disbursement
Date = 8/20/24

2 *FasExternalAwards*
Student = Chris Sanchez
Fund = SFA Need Scholarship
Allow Projection = TRUE

External Event Message triggers package and funds are evaluated for student

Is fund configured as "External"?
Yes ▼

Received External Award Message and matched to student, fund, program?
Yes ▼

Period exists in message?
Yes ▼   No ▼

1 After matching to period, use data from message and config for any fields not there to either add or update fund

2 Use fund configuration to determine period and award amounts to either add or update fund

After fund is packaged disbursements are scheduled

Is fund configured as "External"?
Yes ▼

Anticipated Disbursement Date exists in message?
Yes ▼

1 Schedule using date from External Award Message

No ▼

2 Schedule using config

With 24C we have increased your usability of non-federal fund processing by introducing a new integration for externally sourced non-federal funds. Giving you the ability to transfer award data between applications, such as a scholarship management system where eligibility and award amounts have already been determined.

A new API message will allow you to send external awards with varying levels of data included. When the message is submitted containing a subset of the optional fields, the system will use scripted configurations to determine the omitted value. You can see here 2 simple examples to demonstrate.

Once the message is matched to a student and enrollment, a repackage is triggered to evaluate the funds. Within packaging we will not evaluate funds configured as external awards unless the external awards event is received for the student, further optimizing packaging performance.

If the period was included in the message, the system will package the award for a specific term and use the defined values in the message and configuration for any fields not included. If the period was not included, configuration will drive the periods and award amounts. In both cases, the packaging logic will identify whether the fund already exists in order to update it or to add it as a new fund.

Once packaged, the disbursements will be scheduled using either the dates provided in the message or if not provided using configuration to drive the anticipated dates.
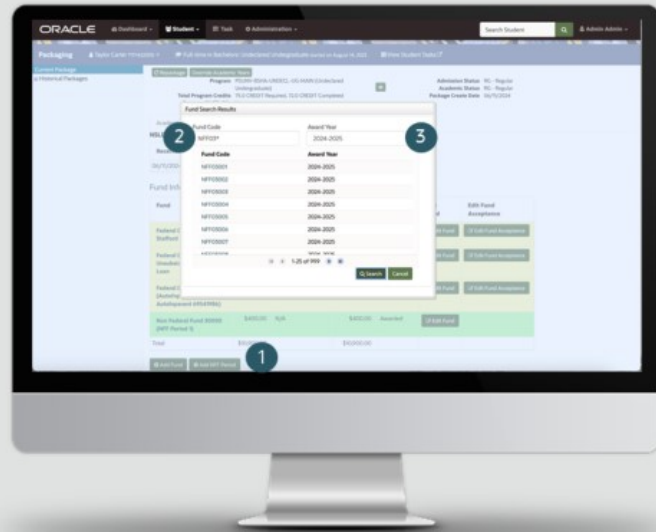
Further information on the details of the External Award event message, matching logic, system driven logic, and implementation details, including migration of funds, is provided on the What's New for this feature. Additionally, I strongly recommend viewing the demo published with the feature outlining how the various configuration works together giving a better idea of the flexibility and power possible with this feature. The demo covers how you can use the feature to project external awards and later update the values based on the what has been provided by an external system.

Lastly in our next Cloud Customer Connect event on July 10th, we will also cover how you can use the delivered report to troubleshoot any issues that you encounter.

Increasing Usability when adding Non-Federal Funds to Package

Smart search functionality has been added when manually adding an automated or external Non-Federal fund to a student's package.

1. Selecting the Add NFF period button, presents a search dialog allow you to filter by fund code and award year elements

2. Perform wildcard searching on the fund code

3. Searches can be done for award year based funds or non award year based funds

And finally with 24C we have additionally enhanced the usability when adding automated or external non-federal funds manually to a student's package.

After selecting the existing Add NFF period button, you will now be presented with a search dialogue that will allow you to filter for the fund using the fund code and award year element. Within the fund code search you have wildcard searching capabilities, and within the award year you can search for both award year and non award year based funds.

This should greatly improve your experience if your school has many automated and external non-federal funds configured.

Resources

Oracle Cloud
https://oracle.com

Oracle Cloud Readiness Content
https://oracle.com/readiness

Oracle Cloud Customer Connect
https://cloudcustomerconnect.oracle.com

Oracle Documentation
https://docs.oracle.com

For more information on Oracle Student Financial Aid, see the What's New documentation at oracle.com/readiness and these other resources.

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Thank You.

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Thank You for listening to the 24C spotlight.