The University of Rhode Island
FY 2014 Budget Allocation
Fund 101 & Fund 105
General Budget Guidelines

The format of the Excel file is similar to the format for the FY 2013 Allocation, i.e. both input and reference tabs are provided.

The Excel files will be distributed in Microsoft Excel 2007 version (.xlsx). Windows users with Microsoft Office version 2003 must install the Office compatibility pack from www.microsoft.com. This is a free download and allows version 2003 to use files saved in 2007 format. Macintosh users should be on Microsoft Office for Mac version 2008 or later to ensure compatibility with these files. Users may wish to upgrade their version of Microsoft Office and can purchase an upgrade to Microsoft Office from the IT Help Desk. If you have any issues, please call the IT Help Desk at 4-4357.

Please review these General Budget Guidelines and the Technical Guidelines prior to completing your Excel file. Send your completed files via email to budget_cycle_returns@etal.uri.edu on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Training sessions will be offered to help you become familiar with the Excel file format. Please see http://www.uri.edu/budget/resources.html for the FY 2014 Allocation budget Training schedule. You may contact Caroline Natale at 4-2509 to reserve a seat. You may bring your file on a flash-drive to allow for specific questions at the training session.

• Please do not substitute, alter, delete, or omit any of the provided forms. You may however include additional schedules, etc. you consider necessary. Do not alter any formulas in the file.

• The Technical Guidelines explain the contents of each tab and how to complete the Excel file.

• The Excel file contains a DFR tab with pertinent, tentative FY 2014 Allocation rates, etc. for use in completing the FY 2014 Allocation return. All other rates have been updated based on the latest information. All rates are subject to change.
  
  o Note: Fund 105, Service Center files reflect data and personnel in the 105 chartfield string. The data has been reflected this way for budgeting purposes only. You must still process all required paperwork to make the fund change per the Controller’s March 20, 2013 memo. See that memo for all steps required.

• Provide the best revenue estimate for FY2014 Allocation.
  
  o Fund 105, Service Center entities must follow the Service Center guidelines when projecting revenue.

• Expense budgets must equal the revenue budgets for each string as well as overall.

• Fund balances should NOT be budgeted at this time. This will be addressed in the summer after the first close is completed by the Controller’s Office.

• Classified employee union contracts expired on June 30, 2012. The State Budget Office's FY 2014 Budget Request 'Planning Values' displayed the COLA at 0.00% for this group and is included as such. Salaries for Non-classified union and non-union staff reflect the increase as of 7/1/11. Faculty union contracts expired on June 30, 2011. Should any salary increases be negotiated, you will have to account for them in your budget at that time.
  
  o The contract salary amounts from the PeopleSoft HR system reflected on the Personnel Tab are full contract salaries as of 4/2/13. (See below for reduced work schedule employees.)

• The Graduate Student agreement expires on August 31, 2014 and rates are included accordingly.
  
  o Only budget Grad Research Assistants (5253) in this fund.
• Please note that the SBA rate for Grads includes the new student insurance rate from a new provider set at $1,636.

• Please be sure to budget step increases on an individual basis. Call your budget analyst for instructions if you wish to budget globally for this item. (Note you may only utilize one method.)

• Only budget the number of pay periods for which the person will be paid. Do not budget turnover expectancy.

**NEW for FY2014:** In order to account for the payroll accrual for the one-day that the Controller will book, you must budget 26.1 pay periods for 26-pay-period employees in column BA. In general, you must budget an additional 0.1 for any employee that is on the payroll on June 30, or the last week in the fiscal year. There is no accrual necessary for FY 2013, so this is not required in your FY2013 files. You do not have to budget the additional 0.1 for academic year employees (or any employee not paid in pay-period 26.)

• For employees on a reduced work schedule, the current salary is reflected at the reduced rate. If an employee is returning to full time, increase the base salary to reflect the 1.0 FTE.
  
  o Personnel and position information is downloaded directly from the PeopleSoft HR system. The data is as of 4/2/13. If you find any incorrect information relating to a position or employee, please indicate the issue in the Notes column or contact Steve Thompson at sthompson@uri.edu, or call ext. 4-2509. If data is incorrect, contact your analyst for assistance in reflecting the data appropriately in order to budget the correct amount for this employee.

  o In some cases, (i.e. where an employee has "Leave to Protect Status", etc.) more than one person will be found in the SAME position number. In these instances, budget only for the person actually getting paid in FY 2014. If you have any questions on this, please call Steve Thompson at 4-2509.

  o You may find Payroll Microfiche data for state employees is available to you in PeopleSoft HR at: Set Up HRMS > Product Related > Commitment Accounting > URI Commit Accounting Reports > "URI State Pay DST BGT Data CSV". Security access is required to view the report and access has been set up for all people who have requested the report to date. If you need access contact Steve Thompson at sthompson@uri.edu or call ext. 4-2509.

• Ensure all Internal Payroll employees that are committed beyond 7/1/13 are budgeted. In PeopleSoft HR, go to Set Up HRMS / Product Related / Commitment Accounting / URI Commit Accounting Reports and run the URI “Int Empl for Allocation” report. This report is designed to show you Internal Payroll employees employed after 7/1/13.

• Please ensure all paperwork, e.g. USP-1, USP-2, etc., is processed for items included with your return.
  
  o Tentative fringe rates are provided on the Personnel Tab and will populate once the appropriate data is completed. This template will automatically calculate 5294 costs for current employees.

  o Please note that the ERS rate reflects the Retirement Security Act of 2011 which includes the Defined Contribution Plan for State employees. This Act is currently being challenged and as such, the ERS rate could be subject to change.

  o If your return reflects a new position or portion of a position on Fund 101 or 105, you must process a USP1 by May 15, 2013. (i.e., changing a 100% Fund 100 position to 50% Fund 100 and 50% Fund 101.) The USP1 should reflect the following: create a new position with funding distribution of 50-50 between Fund 101 and Fund 100 and abolish the 100% Fund 100.
position). Please process a USP1 and a USP2 if the position is currently filled. Forms must be signed by all departments involved.

- Any chartfield strings not listed due to lack of activity should be added as necessary. See the Technical Guidelines for further instruction on how to add additional chartfield strings, not currently reflected, to the file.

- Account codes 4001 (Interfund Activity In) and 5001 (Interfund Activity Out) have been reflected in the files for these funds. The Controller has been working with units to address balances in invalid chartfields, etc. These are the codes in which the cash adjustments are typically made. Please do not budget in these codes as the data is only provided for informational purposes relative to adjustments to actuals or balances.

- On the Line Item tab, in the "CFS Desc" column, you may find an "Invalid - No Signature Auth". Please review these lines and if you have not already done so, address these immediately with Cindy Mace so that these entries may be corrected before year-end. Do not make any budget entries for these invalid entries as this has been provided for your information only.
  - If the CFS is indeed valid, forward a Signature Authorization form and a CFS create form to the Budget & Financial Planning Office immediately. Include in the CFS create documentation that you have budgeted for this string in the FY 2014 Allocation file.

- You may find actual data that appears to belong to another unit. This data may be a result of a mis-posting to an incorrect chartfield string. As such, please work with the alternate unit and the Controller’s Office to make corrections as appropriate.

- Planning your annual budget expenses, including multi-year encumbrances, by the appropriate account code during the Allocation process reduces the number of budget transfers required during the year.
  - On PeopleSoft, confirm FY 2014 encumbrances already posted to the system are budgeted in your return in the appropriate account codes. If encumbrances are to be liquidated, please forward PDF copies of the documentation supporting the liquidation (i.e. a memo to Accounting,) with your budget return.
  - YTD data is as of 3/25/13.

- It is important for budgets to reflect anticipated expenses that correlate to a specific chartfield (i.e. the stipend/waiver of a Grad Research Assistant working in an academic department be budgeted and charged to that academic department). The expense should be reflected in the department that is receiving the services or item.

- A list of account codes is available at the Budget and Financial Planning website under Department Resources Link - Account Code Descriptions. Please note there are certain codes that are not to be used for budgeting. See the "Restrictions" column for further details. [http://www.uri.edu/budget/resources.html](http://www.uri.edu/budget/resources.html)

- Please obtain division-head approval prior to submitting your FY 2014 Allocation file.

- Return your completed Excel file and summary paragraph via email to budget_cycle_returns@etal.uri.edu by or before Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

If you have new staff and/or staff that have left, please take this opportunity to update the Signature Authorization and Responsible Persons on your chartfield strings. Please go to [http://www.uri.edu/budget/forms.html](http://www.uri.edu/budget/forms.html) to find the appropriate forms and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or the Allocation in general, please contact Cheryl Hinkson at car@uri.edu or 4-2509, or call your Budget Analyst. For any technical questions about how to fill in the file, please refer to the Technical Guidelines first, and then contact Eugen Trandafir at eugen@uri.edu. Thank you once again for your continued cooperation.