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**AvidInvoice** Guide for Submitters and Approvers

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#### **AVIDINVOICE WORKFLOW ROLES**

**Submitter:** This is the person in each department who is responsible for the accurate submission of accounts payable transactions in the AvidInvoice system. When they have completed the submitter's steps as outlined in this guide, they will approve the submissions forward to the signatory/cost approver for the department.

**Signatory:** This is the person in each department who is responsible for approving AvidInvoice submissions, confirming that they align with donor intent, account purpose and the Stony Brook Foundation's policies. They will approve the submissions forward to the Foundation's Accounts Payable Department for review, processing, and payment.

**SBF Accounts Payable:** This is the team who is responsible for final review of each Avid submission, checking for accuracy and policy alignment. They will approve the submissions forward for payment.

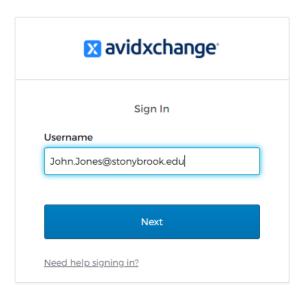
### **ACCESSING YOUR AVIDINVOICE PORTAL**

Users will receive an email from the system inviting them to create a new password.

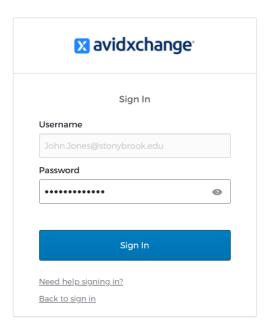
Multifactor Authentication will be in effect.

Your username is your stonybrook.edu organizational email address.

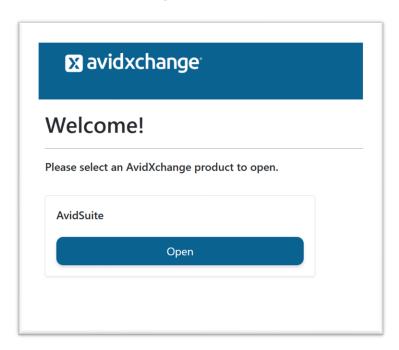
Navigate to login.avidsuite.com



Click next. Enter your password and click **Sign In**. If you have forgotten your password, you can choose **Need help signing in** option to request a password reset.



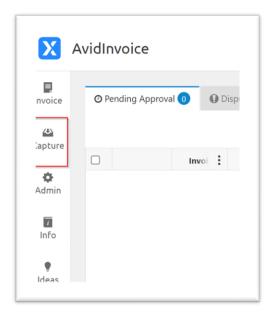
Choose the Open button to complete the login.



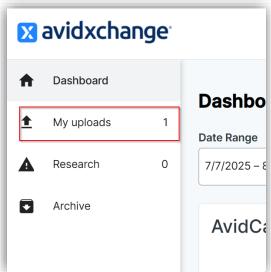
You will be brought to your **Invoices Pending Approval** queue. Please see further below in this document for how to approve invoices.

#### SUBMITTING INVOICES IN AVID CAPTURE

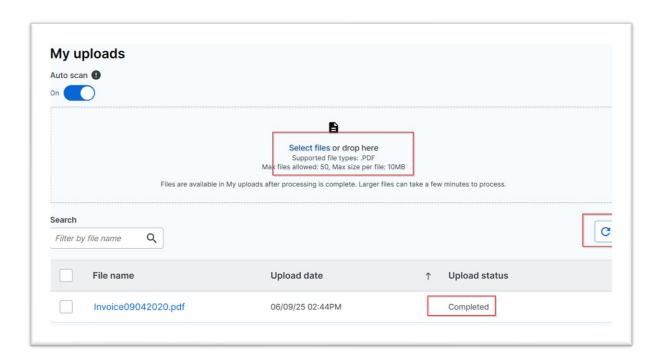
Avid Capture will be used for submitting invoices. Avid Capture is accessed by selecting the Capture icon from the left side navigation pane.



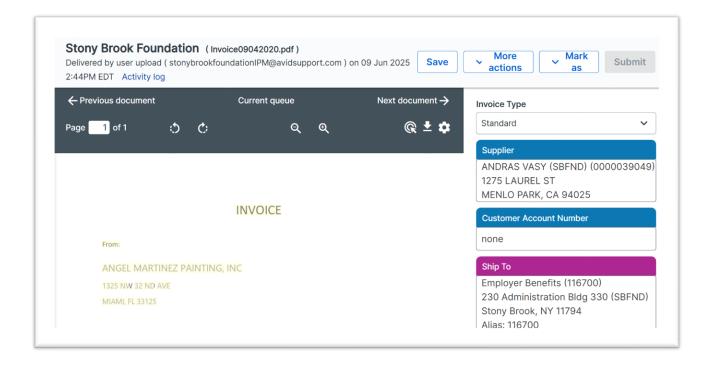
Avid Capture will open in a new browser tab. From the left side navigation pane here, select **My Uploads.** 



Click "select files" to upload the invoice. Select the PDF file that contains the invoice you are submitting. (Only PDF files are permitted to be uploaded in Avid capture). Use the refresh icon to see that the upload has completed.



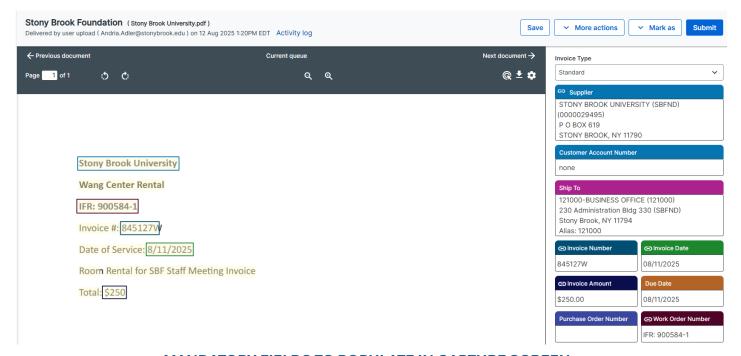
Once the Upload Status says "Completed" you may click into the file name (Invoice09042020.pdf in example above). The PDF of the invoice will be displayed in the middle of the window. The required fields for data entry will be displayed on the right.



#### POPULATING THE INVOICE DATA FIELDS

# Avid Capture has functionality called "Click to Type"

This allows the user to select text on the PDF and drop it into the appropriate data field on the right-hand side of the window. Simply click on the text you would like to transfer to a field – it will highlight within a box - and then click in the appropriate field. The data will be transferred. You may use this for **Invoice Number, Invoice Date, Invoice Amount and Work Order Number (RF or IFR number).** 



#### MANDATORY FIELDS TO POPULATE IN CAPTURE SCREEN

**Customer Account Number:** while it **is not required for SBF** to have a customer account number, it is **a required field in AvidInvoice** and should populate with **"none"** 

**Ship To:** This is the **Department name and number** and includes the SBF address. You can search by name or numeric code.

Please be aware that this is a global field and submitters have access to ALL departments across campus. It is imperative that you choose the correct department name & number, otherwise this expense may be paid through an incorrect department.

**Supplier:** start typing supplier's name. It should populate.

**Invoice Number:** *This field cannot be left blank.* If there is no invoice number attached to your submission, you must use the following format to create an invoice number:

Supplier Number Amount Date of Invoice (no spaces in between)

For example: For the above screenshot, the invoice number would be: 000002949525081125

Another example:

Supplier Number: 00000268945

Amount: \$1,003.50

# Date of Invoice: September 7, 2025

Invoice Number to populate: 000002689451003509725

**Invoice Date:** this will also automatically populate the **Due Date** field with the same date.

#### **Invoice Amount**

**Ordered By:** this is your name and email address. This field **must be** populated, or your submission will be flagged as "unmanaged", and you **will not see it in your approval queue to keep working on and ultimately approve forward to the signatory.** 

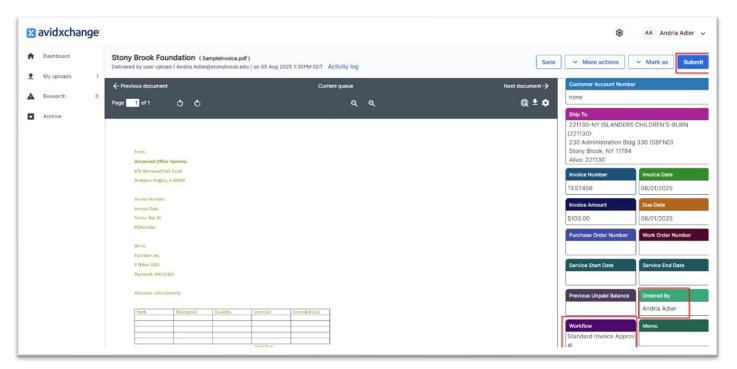
**Workflow:** The only choice is **Standard Invoice Approval**, and this field **MUST BE** populated. If left blank, there will be no assigned signatory and invoice *will not move through the workflow properly*.

**Work Order Number**: This field **MUST BE** used for payments to Research Foundation (RF) or to a State IFR account. This is where you enter the RF account # or the IFR #. Please preface the number with RF or IFR.

# **FIELDS NOT REQUIRED**

**Service Start Date, Service End Date, Previous Unpaid Balance and Memo** are not required fields but feel free to include for your own recordkeeping purposes.

**Purchase Order Number:** This field is **NOT** to be utilized. Purchase order invoices **ARE NOT** paid through AvidInvoice.



When the required fields have been completed, the **SUBMIT** button will be available at the upper right. Once the invoice has been submitted out of Avid Capture, it will be available in your **pending approval queue in the main portal.** It can take an invoice a moment or two to move from Avid Capture to your pending approval queue.

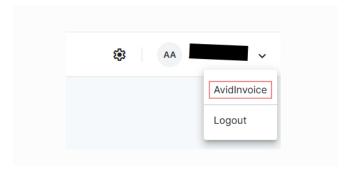
# **PENDING INVOICES QUEUE**

Unlike the previous Ariett/AvidSuite system, submitters must go through a two-step process to submit transactions for payment. The first is Avid Capture, explained in the previous segment. The second is finishing the submission in the "Pending Approval" queue, which when completed and approved by the submitter will route to the department signatory.

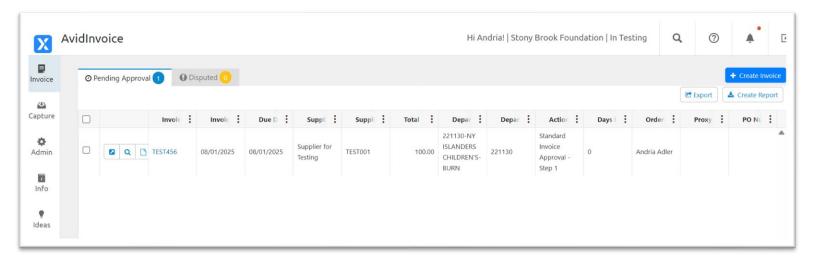
To return to the main portal where you can view and work on this and other pending invoices, you can either go back to the previous tab in your browser as shown below labeled "Invoices -Pending":



Or click the dropdown next to your name in the upper right corner and choose AvidInvoice

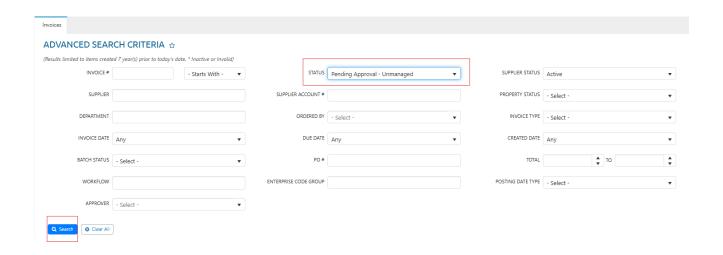


This takes you back to the main portal featured below:

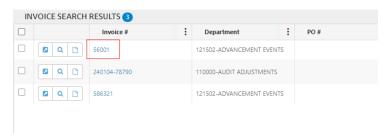


\*\*If you do not see your submission in the Pending Approval Queue as shown above, you most likely did not fill in your name in the "Ordered By" field

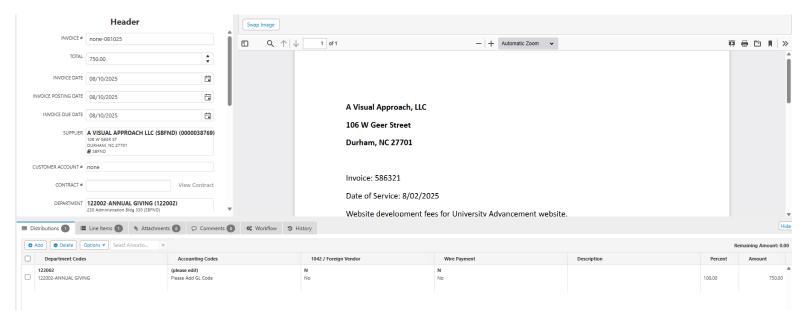
Click the search icon in the upper right corner and under "Status" choose "Pending Approval - Unmanaged" and click the Search icon on bottom left. This will bring up the missing submission.



Click the invoice number to drill into the invoice you wish to work on:



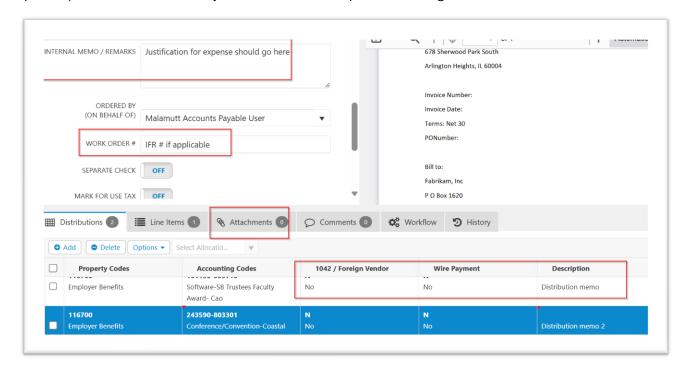
Once you drill into the invoice you will see the screen below. **Be sure to complete the "Ordered By" field in the header** 



#### **MANDATORY HEADER FIELDS**

Most of these fields should have populated through the Capture page; however, make sure the following fields in the Header are also completed:

INTERNAL MEMO/REMARKS FIELD: This is a MANDATORY FIELD (even though it is marked optional) This field is where the justification for the expense should go. This field will allow for 1000



characters. Should you need additional explanation and/or have back up documentation, those may be added in the attachments tab. If this is not comprehensive and does not explain the business justification, SBF will send it back to the submitter.

# For examples of business justification language please see Appendix A

**WORK ORDER # FIELD** - this is a **MANDATORY FIELD** for payments to Research Foundation (RF) or to a State IFR account. This is where you enter the RF account # or the IFR #. Please preface the number with RF or IFR.

# FIELDS NOT REQUIRED IN HEADER

Customer Account #, Contract #, Separate Check, Mark for Use Tax, Service Start Date, Service End Date, and Previous Unpaid Balance are not required fields but feel free to include for your own recordkeeping purposes.

**Purchase Order Number:** This field is **NOT** to be utilized. Purchase order invoices **ARE NOT** paid through AvidInvoice.

#### FIELDS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INVOICE PAGE

#### 1. Distributions Tab

# Property Code (the department number) will populate automatically

You may add as many lines of distribution coding as are necessary

**Helpful hint:** Under accounting codes, start typing in the department number. You will then see all the accounting codes associated with the department in a dropdown. Choose the correct department and code for the expense.

Please note that accounting codes can be searched by number or description.

# MANDATORY FIELDS TO POPULATE IN THE DISTRIBUTIONS TAB

- Department Code
- Accounting Codes
- Distribution Description
- Wire Payment defaults to No, should be changed to yes on the top line of distribution if the invoice will be paid by wire. If YES, you must attach a banking verification form with the bank information for the wire.
- **1042/Foreign Vendor** defaults to No, should be changed to yes if the payee is a foreign vendor.

#### 2. Line items Tab

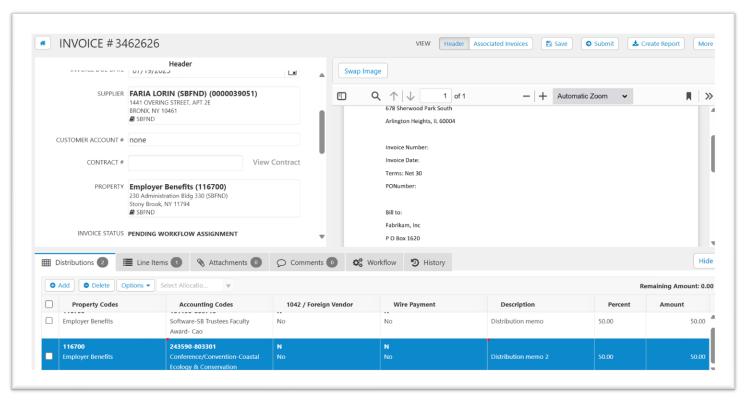
The line items tab typically will not be utilized; the only time anything would need to be done there is if the invoice header amount is changed. The unit cost on the line items tab must always match the invoice header amount.

#### 3. Attachments Tab

Use this area to attach additional necessary backup documents such as spreadsheets, correspondence, banking verification forms etc. Attachments are not limited in type to PDF, they may be Word, Excel, image files, etc. WHEN POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMBINE MULTIPLE DOCUMENTS INTO ONE SINGLE FILE FOR EASIER REVIEW.

#### 4. Comments Tab

The comments tab may be used to log and store comments with the invoice and to email those comments to another user in the system.



Choose **Approve** in the upper right when data entry is completed and ready to forward to the department signatories (cost approvers).

The invoice will route to the signatories for the selected department.

# **SIGNATORY STEPS**

Important Note for Approvers: AvidInvoice does not allow dual roles; therefore, approvers can no longer submit transactions. In AvidInvoice, submitters and approvers have distinct roles with a segregation of these duties.

Signatories can sign into the AvidInvoice system as explained earlier in this guide.

Signatories need to subscribe for approval notifications in the AvidInvoice portal to receive an email from the system alerting them that there is a submission in their approval queue.

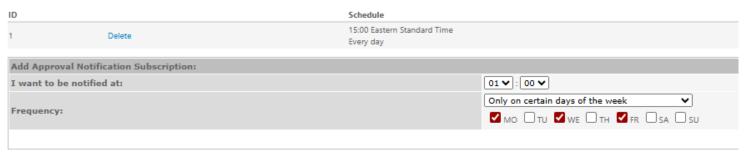
# APPROVAL NOTIFICATION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Access your profile through the Admin Tab on the Left side of the screen:



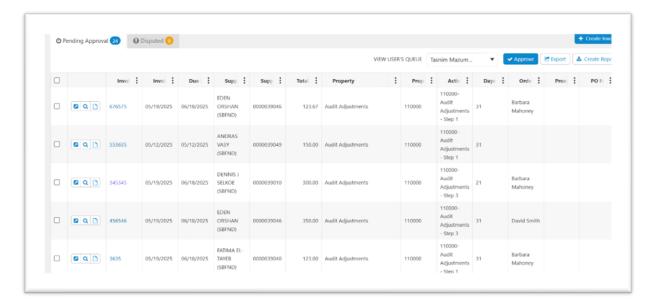
Choose the frequency for which you want to receive notifications: (i.e.) every day at 1:00; M-W-F 2:00 etc.

# Approval Notification Subscriptions:



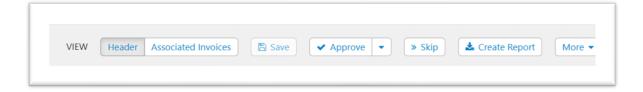
#### APPROVING INVOICES

The signatories should now see the invoice in their invoices pending approval queue:



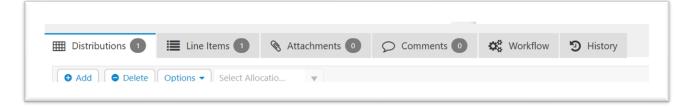
Click on the invoice number to drill into the invoice that you wish to review. Validate that all of the necessary information has been properly entered and into the appropriate fields. Validate that coding is complete and that the department numbers match between the header and the distribution coding.

#### **HEADER ACTION BUTTON**



- View Header: You may toggle the invoice header section in/out of view
- View Associated Invoices: You may toggle on/off another area of the window that will show you all other invoices from this vendor currently in the system
- Save: Saves changes made to the invoice
- Approve (see drop down for Approve with Comment): Approve the invoice forward to the next step
- Skip: Skip this invoice and go to the next one in your queue
- Create Report: Creates a PDF of details about the invoice, you can decide at the time of generation what details you wish to include
- More: Actions available under the more option may vary depending upon your user type:
  - Assign Ad-Hoc Approver send the invoice to an approver not normally part of the workflow

- Assign Workflow assign the appropriate workflow to the invoice
- Void Voids the invoice, this is limited to certain user types
- Dispute Mark the invoice as disputed which places it in your disputed queue and out of your pending approval queue. You can review further and rectify any issue before approving it forward to SBF AP.

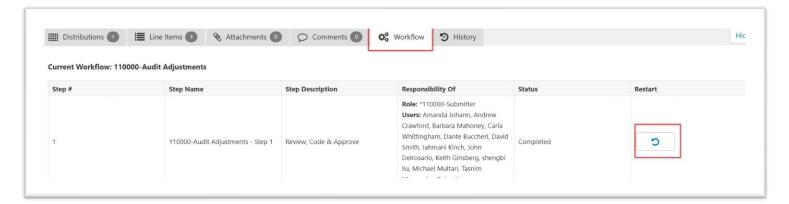


#### **DISTRIBUTION AREA TABS**

In addition to the distributions (coding) tab, there are other tabs that you may make use of:

- Line items: the line items tab typically will not be utilized, the only time anything would need to be done there is if the invoice header amount is changed. The unit cost on the line items tab must always match the invoice header amount
- Attachments: attachments may be added as backup documentation, attachments are not limited in type to PDF, they may be Word, Excel, image files, etc.
- Comments: The comments tab may be used to log and store comments with the invoice and optionally to email those comments to another user in the system
- Workflow: the workflow tab will display the details of the workflow the invoice is currently following
- History: the history tab captures all events and actions taken on the invoice by time, date and user

Verify that all information is accurate and complete. If for some reason the invoice needs to be sent back to the submitter, you can do so using the restart option in the workflow tab.

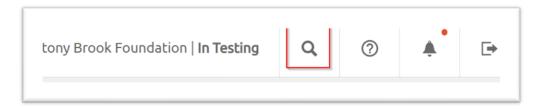


When you have completed your review, **Approve** the invoice forward to SBF for AP Review.



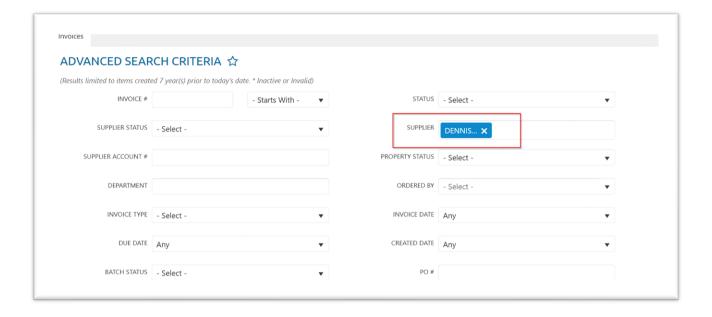
# **SEARCHING FOR INVOICES**

The magnifying glass icon at the upper right will take you to Advanced Search where you can search for invoices using varying parameters/filters.

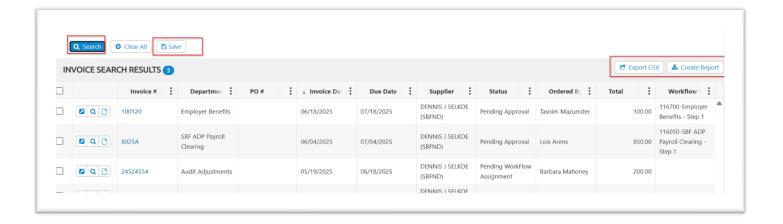


# Enter your parameter/filter values:

You may enter as many filters as needed. Click the blue search button at the lower left to see your results.



If you are generating a search that you will use often, you may save it as a favorite. Search results may also be exported to .csv which will provide many more details than can be seen in the results grid. You may also use the Create Report option on invoices in your search results.



# **APPENDIX A**

#### Examples to use in INTERNAL MEMO/REMARKS FIELD for Business Justification

#### Student Awards and Prizes

- As per the selection committee's review, John Jones best meets the prize or award criteria
- Award for student doing research in the Humanities track meets all criteria
- o Alumni Association's Dean's Choice Award recipient John Jones
- Graduate Best Essay Award to John Jones
- o Payment to XYZ Dept Junior Research Award winner John Jones meets all criteria
- o Recipient of XYZ Fellowship Fall 2025/2026
- Academic prize for outstanding achievement to John Jones
- o Student housing stipend for 4 students in ABC Scholars program (names attached)
- o 2025 Physics stipend to John Jones

# Travel and business meal expenses for staff, faculty, candidates, visitors

- o 2 night hotel stay for XYZ Department Chair candidate, John Jones
- Lunch interview with candidate John Jones for Director position in XYZ Dept
- Car service to 2025 CASE Conference in New York City
- Catering for Fellowship orientation breakfast in Dept XYZ
- Car service roundtrip LGA airport for Dr Jones of Harvard to attend SBU Campus Conference
- Breakfast for all -staff meeting for XYZ Dept.
- o Dinner with John Jones, guest speaker of ABC Lecture Series, and faculty members

#### Miscellaneous payments to vendors

- o Flyer and brochure printing for Fall 2025 XYZ Gala event
- o Print advertising for Summer 2025 theatre shows
- o Advertising and publication expenses for sponsored sign at XYZ event
- Polo shirts and hoodies for promotional purposes in XYZ Dept
- o Annual membership for Dr. Jones for ABC Organization
- o Giveaway items for 2025 Homecoming event sponsored by XYZ Dept
- o 5 new laptops for staff in XYZ Dept to replace non-working laptops
- o Copy editing and proofreading services for the XYZ annual report

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 Expenses for ABC Corporation, a training workshop for public speaking, for XYZ dept team members

# Payments to SBU (to an IFR account) and RF (to an RF account)

O	wang rentat space for stan meeting of XYZ Dept – to IFK #
0	Dr. Jones' use of iLab for research purposes – to RF #
0	Reimburse IFR # for food expenses at XYZ event
0	\$3,000 extra service to John Jones to IFR# supported by ABC program
$\circ$	Offset salary for John Jones, employee in ABC dept, to RF#