What is Ariba?

ARIBA is the University's electronic procurement system to manage all ordering, purchasing, receiving, invoicing, sourcing, payments and reporting with a single point of entry.
How do I start?

• Anyone with a UW Net ID can access the Ariba system to begin most types of transactions (exception: Non-PO Invoice).

• Know Your Approvers: All transactions will need established approvers based on either the budget or organization code to approve them. These approvers are set up in ASTRA, by a designated individual in the department.

• If you need to be set up as an approver, the Authorizer in your department can set that up.

• To start working in Ariba, find the login button on the PS homepage.
Ariba Roles:

**Preparer:** Anyone with UW Net ID who starts a transaction

**Budget/Org Approver:** Required for orders, set up in ASTRA by department

**Funding Approver:** Required for payment mechanisms, set up in ASTRA by department

**Watcher:** Set up in ASTRA by department, optional

**Compliance Approver:** Set up in ASTRA by department, optional

**Ad Hoc Approver:** Individual added manually to the approval flow by the department, optional
Types of Transactions:

Catalog Purchase Order:
- An order placed in Ariba based on a purchase from a catalog.
  The preferred resource for campus to shop. Starts with a
  requisition request that becomes a purchase order

Non-Catalog Purchase Order:
- An order placed in Ariba and sent to supplier, based on an
  approved requisition request
Blanket Purchase Order:
- A order placed in Ariba sent to a supplier, typically used for standing orders and subawards, based on an approved contract request

Non-PO Invoice:
- Payment tool, used to pay small dollar invoices to suppliers

Travel Expense Report:
- Payment tool, for travel reimbursement

eReimbursement:
- Payment tool, for non-travel reimbursement
Payment to Individual:
• Payment tool, used to pay for individual services

Card Application:
• ProCard request form

Card Limit Increase:
• ProCard increase request form

Contract Review:
• Request form to have a contract or agreement reviewed by Purchasing
### Transaction ID Prefixes

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Process Flow

- All transactions will go through steps and will need a department Approver to approve them.

- Depending on the dollar amount and type of transaction, central office might be required to review and approve the transaction as well.

Example: Non-Catalog Purchase Order

1. The department Preparer creates a requisition (5)
2. The requisition (5) is approved by the department approver
3. The requisition (5) is approved or denied by Central Office if necessary
4. A purchase order is generated (EI)
5. The purchase order (EI) is sent to the supplier
Terms:

**Punchout Catalog:**
A catalog that is based in the supplier’s own website.

**Hosted Catalog:**
A catalog based in Ariba.

**Requisition:**
Starts the process of placing an order: S123-> E1456

**Contract Request:**
Starts the process of creating a BPO: CR123-> BPO123
Terms:

**Contract:**
The term used to refer to Blanket POs in Ariba

**Approval Flow:**
A tab in a transaction that shows you who must approve a particular transaction

**Notifications:**
Emails sent to a user who has an action to take on a transaction.

**ASTRA:**
System used to delegate roles for web based systems like Ariba
Terms:

Delegate:
Give another individual access

ID Number:
Every transaction gets an ID number in Ariba

Invoice:
Electronic eInvoice created in Ariba. May or may not have a PDF attached

Status:
Where the transaction is in the process
Terms:

**Exception:**
A flag on an invoice transaction where the information on the invoice does not match the information on the order.

**Variance:**
A specific type of exception, example: the tax on an invoice is more than expected.

**Payment Loop:**
Where to find payment information for a transaction
Dashboard Features

- Tabs
- Drop down menus
- To-Do Box
- Common Actions Box
- Recently Viewed Box
- My Documents
- Search box
- Column Sorting
Basic Functions

- Finding Catalogs
- Searching
- Preferences
- Approval Flow
- Approve/Deny
- Finding payment loop information
- Viewing Invoices
# Searching in Ariba

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Resources

Roles and Authorizations:
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/resources/roles

Ariba Webpage:
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-to-buy/ariba

Ariba Login:
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/

Online Learning and How to Guides:
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/resources/training/tutorials

Buying Guidance
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-to-buy
Questions?