

# What is Budget Prep?

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**Budget Prep** is the annual process of allocating budget to anticipated labor and operating pools within specified targets for the upcoming fiscal year. The Budget Prep cycle lasts around 3 months and includes several phases: budget office setup, departmental user entry, budget review, reporting and rolling data into Banner upon Board of Regents approval.

The base budget is developed from permanent budget and salary transactions that have occurred during the current fiscal year. Salary transactions that occur during the Budget Prep cycle update the Budget Prep modules throughout the process until the new fiscal year begins. The current year HR transactions impact to the future year budget must be considered until the new fiscal year begins.

## **Budget Prep consists of 5 modules:**

**Security Access TEAM Application (Security Access)**- User security is added/edited by the organization financial manager via the TEAM Application. This security will enable users to view reports and access the Budget Prep Modules. The security is based on the FOP organization for budgets and the Position Organization for positions and employee data.

**Salary Planner**-Salary Planner is used to verify position labor distribution and employee labor distribution for all employees and positions. In addition, merit approved by administration must be allocated in Salary Planner. Salary Planner is updated based on employee/position change documents that post through fiscal year end.

**Budget Development** –Budget Development is used to allocate available budget between the budget pools based on projected expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Both the Salary Planner and Transfer Roster modules automatically populate some of the pools for the end user to keep the systems in sync. Like Salary Planner, the Budget Development module is continuously updated based on employee/position change documents that post through fiscal year end.

**Transfer System** –The Transfer System consists of a roster used to maintain permanent transfers between two different funds and a report function to show detail and balancing issues.

**Cognos Reports** - Cognos reports are available to review and verify the data entered into the Budget Prep modules. The Budget Prep reports are derived from real-time Budget Prep data as opposed to a prior-day view. These reports allow the user to view the data in various formats and review edits which detail possible data and balancing issues.