

Graduate Records Management (GRM) Project Update

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Good afternoon everyone,

I wanted to provide a few updates on the Graduate Records Management (GRM) system currently being built in Salesforce. As a reminder, this new GRM will replace the GradDB which is used by the College of Engineering and some areas in the College of Science and will also replace the Graduate Student Database (GSDB) which is used by all graduate programs within the Purdue system. The GSDB houses plans of study, exam forms, and other central graduate student processes.

Here are updates and general information on the project:

- **GradDB Functionality Update:** The Salesforce development team has baseline GradDB functionality built within the new GRM and initial data feeds from Banner in place. An advisory committee of GradDB users has been involved in meetings and providing feedback for the buildout for the last few months. It is expected that advisory committee members could have access to test the first phase of the GRM by August 2024, and additional beta users may be invited to test the system in early Fall 2024. The go-live target of this first phase of the GRM to all current GradDB users is tentatively set for October 2024. There may be options for staff who do not currently use GradDB to gain early access to the system after this initial roll-out. However, all programs will have access to the features currently exclusive to the GradDB within the new GRM by the full rollout in Summer 2025.
- **GSDB Functionality Update:** GSDB functionality is now entering the discovery phase. An advisory committee of current GSDB users will be created soon to help ensure that the new system will meet the needs of student, faculty, and staff users moving forward. The planned go-live of the completed GRM to all users system-wide is late Summer 2025.
- **New Executive Sponsors:** With the changes in the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS), and restructuring within Purdue IT, two of the Executive Sponsors of this project have changed. Haley Oliver who now leads OGSPS has replaced Eric Barker. Jim Motta is the new executive sponsor for Purdue IT. Tamara Kinzer-Ursem continues to serve as executive sponsor for College of Engineering.

The project team has received some questions regarding the use of BoilerConnect by grad advisors. The functionality currently available in BoilerConnect is expected to be part of the final GRM system and will be available to all users system-wide by Summer 2025. Grad advisors who wish to use BoilerConnect in the meantime are welcome to do so, but they may prefer to wait until they can access GRM and use the functionality in one system.

Here are a few links with additional information in case helpful:

April 23, 2024: Purdue Today Article : [Graduate School selects Salesforce as graduate records management solution - Purdue University News](#)
GRM Database Project Website: <https://www.purdue.edu/academics/ogsps/research/thesis/database-project.html>

Best,

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