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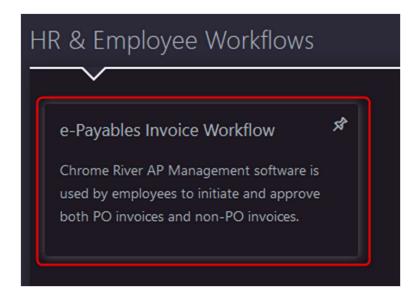
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1. Introduction and Terminology

Kent State University uses Chrome River's Invoice module as its ePayables system. The ePayables system is the electronic workflow through which invoices are routed for approval and submitted to Accounts Payable for processing.

The ePayables system is accessed via a link found in the Employee Workflows section in Flashline:



The following table provides definitions of terms used in this user guide.

Term	Definition	
Accounts Payable	The university's central hub for non-payroll payment processing, including direct payments to vendors, employee reimbursements, and purchasing card administration. These services are provided in compliance with the university's administrative policies and external regulations.	
Allocation	The accounting string that a payable should be charged against.	
Approve	Indication that a payment request has been reviewed and is ready for processing.	
Approver	An employee tasked with reviewing and authorizing a payment request.	
Business Purpose	A statement that explains the purpose of the purchase of the goods or services associated with a payment request.	
Chrome River Invoice	An electronic payment request.	
Commodity	The general classification or categorization of a product or service. A commodity code details or describes what was purchased in a common category or group. Kent State University uses a modified UNSPSC (the United Nations Standard Products and Services Code) commodity code list to categorize items or services.	
Creator	An individual who initiates the payment request process by completing the fields on a Chrome River Invoice.	
Credit memo	A vendor supplied billing document detailing a reduction of outstanding payables.	
FOP	A fund-org-program accounting string that is usually represented by an index.	
Fund	A 6-digit number identifying what type of funding is being charged (e.g. educational and general, designated, auxillary etc.).	
Grants Accounting	Grants Accounting supports the administration of restricted funds by promoting accountability, compliance, and timely dissemination of accurate information.	
Index	A 6-digit number that represents a fund-org-program accounting string.	
Initiator	An individual who is responsible for submitting a payment request; a creator or requester	
Non-Vendor Payees	Individuals and entities that are exempt from onboarding in the vendor portal	
Org	A 6-digit number identifying the financial activities by funtional reporting units.	
Program	A 4-digit number identifying how the money is reported	
Purchase Order	After a requisition is approved by Procurement, it will carry through its approval hierarchy, finalizing the document as a purchase order. When accepted by the seller, it becomes a contract binding on both parties.	
Requester	An individual in addition to a creator, who is jointly responsible for the initiation of a payment request.	
Return	The act of routing an invoice to a creator or requester.	
Vendor Invoice	A vendor-supplied billing document that details a purchase to be paid.	

2. Roles and Expectations

The following table lists the roles and expectations of users within the invoice payment process.

Role	Expectation
Creator	Fully creates invoice, including entering correct vendor name, remittance address, invoice number, invoice date, and amount.
	Attaches correct PO when applicable.
	Completes accounting allocation section, providing correct values for the account, commodity, and index/fund fields.
	Attaches all necessary documentation.
Principal Investigator	Confirms that goods/services have been received.
Level 1 through 3 approvers	Confirms that expenditure has a business purpose that is consistent with federal, state, granting agency, and university
Executive level approvers	policies and regulations.
Senior VP for Finance and Administration	Reviews initiator-entered information for correctness.
Optional: - Requester - Reviewer	Ensures that attached documentation is complete and supports the payment request.
Grants Accounting	Confirms that expense is reasonable in relation to the grant budget and was incurred within the grant period.
Accounts Payable	Reviews vendor name, remittance address, amount, invoice date, and invoice number for correctness.
	Ensures that invoices submitted for non-vendor payees are for qualified exceptions to PaymentWorks onboarding.
	Confirms that documentation is complete and supports the payment request.
	Processes pickup and special handling requests in accordance with departmental procedures.

3. Invoice Routing Steps

Both PO and non-PO invoices can be submitted for processing via the e-payables system. Chrome River Invoice accommodates both default and optional routing steps to facilitate invoice processing.

3.1 Default Routing Steps

Default routing steps are hard-coded in to the system to ensure that all invoices pass through them. These routing steps are based on university-wide policies and procedures. The default routing steps for PO invoices and non-PO invoices differ from each other.

By default, PO invoices route directly to Accounts Payable upon approval by their initiators.

By default, non-PO invoices route for approval based on their accounting allocations, upon approval by their initiators.

- Non-PO invoices that are allocated to fund/account accounting strings route to approvers who have been assigned responsibility for the applicable accounts.
- Non-PO invoices that are allocated to index/account accounting strings route according to amount, index type, the org associated with each index, and university policy, before routing to Accounts Payable. These steps are detailed in the table below.

	Routing Order	Explanation
1	Principal Investigator	Non-PO invoices allocated to a grant, cost share, or program income index
2	Org-based Level 1 Approver	All non-PO invoices \$0+
3	Org-based Level 2 Approver	All non-PO invoices \$5000+
4	Org-based Level 3 Approver	All non-PO invoices \$10,000+
5	Org-based executive-level Approver	All non-PO invoices \$25,000+
6	Sr. VP of Finance & Administration	All non-PO invoices \$100,000+
7	Grants Accounting	Non-PO invoices allocated to a grant, cost share, or program income index
8	Accounts Payable	All invoices

3.2 Optional Routing Steps

Optional routing steps can be inserted by invoice creators and approvers as needed. These steps occur in addition to, not in place of, default routing. The two types of optional routing are returning an invoice to a requester or selecting an additional reviewer.

Requesters

By routing an invoice to a requester, the creator indicates that the requester is jointly responsible for a initiating the payment request.

The requester must have access to Chrome River Invoice. They must take action on invoices that are routed to them (e.g., return to creator or approve). Failure to do so will prevent the invoice from being processed.

An invoice that is routed to a requester appears in both the creator's and requester's list of submitted invoices. This allows both the creator and requester to track and recall the invoice when needed.

Reviewers

Selecting an additional reviewer allows a user to insert an additional level of approval between themselves and the next default routing step.

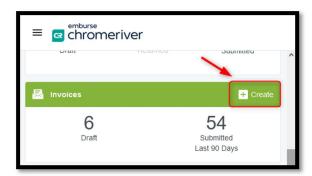
The reviewer must have access to Chrome River Invoice. They must take action on invoices that are routed to them (e.g., return to creator, return to requester, or approve). Failure to do so will prevent the invoice from being processed.

4. Creating and Copying Invoices

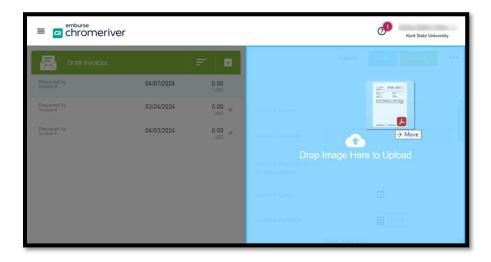
4.1 Creating a Non-PO Invoice or Credit Memo (Vendor)

To create a new non-PO invoice or credit memo from scratch:

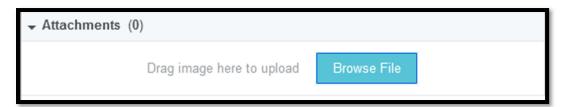
1. Click the Create button, found on the green Invoices ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



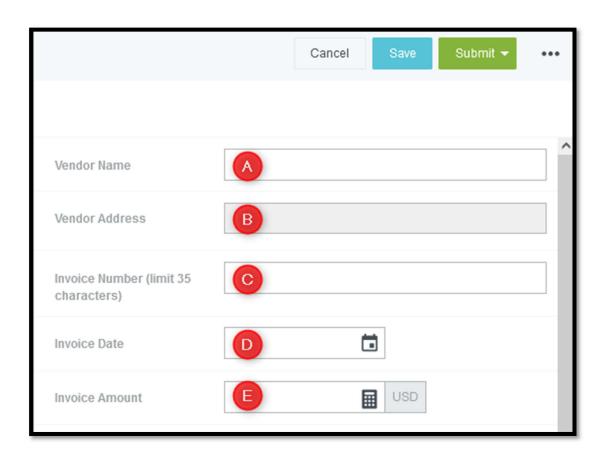
- 2. Upload the supporting documentation by either dragging and dropping it into the Invoice Entry (right side) screen or by scrolling down to the **Attachments** section and using the **Browse File** button.
 - Supported file types are .png, .jpeg, .jpg, and .pdf
 - Payment requests must be supported by an invoice or contract. Consult **Appendix A Payment Request Documentation Guidelines** to determine if the payment requires additional documentation.



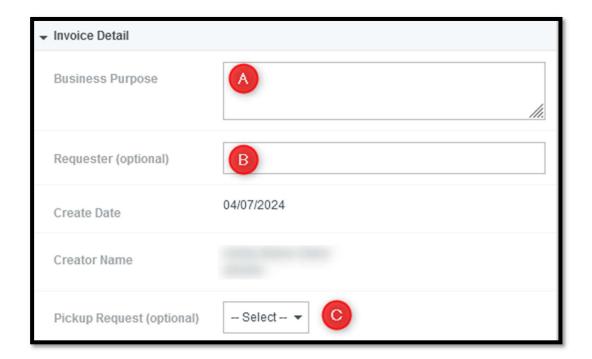
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- 3. Complete the following required **Invoice Header** fields:
 - a. **Vendor Name** Begin typing to search by the vendor's name or ID. All vendors approved by our vendor desk are in the system. If your vendor does not appear in the search results, you must initiate onboarding via PaymentWorks.
 - b. **Vendor Address** Choose the address that matches the remittance address shown on the invoice. If the remittance address is not available in the dropdown, your vendor must register that address via PaymentWorks.
 - c. *Invoice Number* To prevent duplicate payments, invoice numbers provided by vendors must be used when available.
 - This field accepts letters, numbers, spaces, and hyphens. Other special characters should be omitted.
 - Consult **Appendix B Invoice Numbering Guidelines** to determine how to format invoice numbers when vendor invoice numbers are not available.
 - d. *Invoice Date* Enter the date shown on the vendor invoice or contract.
 - e. *Invoice Amount* Enter the amount shown on the vendor invoice.
 - Invoices cannot be short-paid.
 - Obtain a new (modified) invoice from the vendor if your invoice does not display the correct amount to be paid.
 - Credit memos must be entered as negative amounts.

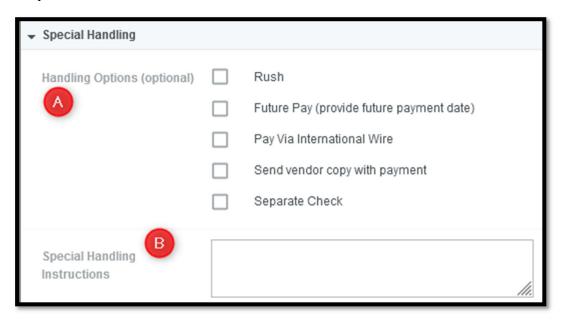


- 4. Complete the following **Invoice Detail** fields:
 - a. *Business Purpose* This field is required. Explain why the purchase is being made.
 - b. *Requester* This field is optional. See section 3.2 for more information about optional reviewers.
 - c. *Pickup Request* This field is optional.
 - Payments are issued directly to payees, in accordance with the payment preferences they indicate on their vendor registration.
 - Exceptions to this rule are payments initiated all or in part by the Office of General Counsel and payments related to payroll withholding.



Clicking **Save** at any point after completing the required fields found in the Invoice Header and Invoice Detail sections will save the invoice to creator's Drafts list.

- 5. Complete the following **Special Handling** fields as needed:
 - a. *Handling Options*
 - Rush The rush indicator should be used sparingly, for emergency and time-sensitive payments. Complete and correct rush requests that are received by Accounts Payable by noon on Tuesday will be included in the weekly Wednesday check run.
 - <u>Future Pay</u> Use when scheduling a payment in advance (e.g., monthly rent). The future date of the payment must be entered in the Special Handling Instructions field.
 - <u>International Wire</u> Use for payments being made in foreign currency or to a non-US bank account.
 - <u>Vendor Copy</u> Use when requesting that documentation (e.g., an invoice stub) be mailed along with a check.
 - <u>Separate Check</u> Use to ensure that multiple payments to one vendor result in separate checks.
 - b. *Special Handling Instructions* Enter any future pay date here, as well as other special handling requests not listed above.



6. Entering a comment in the **Comments** section is optional.



7. Enter the commodity and accounting allocation for the payment in the **Accounting** section.

Note that, before an allocation is added, the **TOTAL** will be \$0.00 and **REMAINING** will equal the **Amount** entered in the **Invoice Header** section.

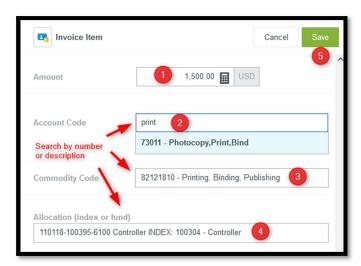


a. Click the blue +Add Expense button and then select the Invoice Item tile





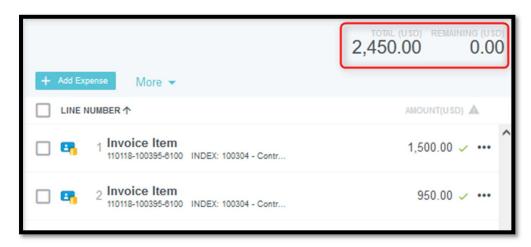
- b. Complete the *Amount, Account Code, Commodity Code*, and *Allocation* fields.
- The *Amount* is the amount that you are allocating to the specific accounting string.
- The *Account Code*, *Commodity Code*, and *Allocation* fields can be searched by number or description.
 - o You may need to pause as the system searches.
 - Accounts that begin with 1, 2, and 9 must only be used when allocating to a fund.
 - When searching for an index, the Allocation result will display with the full fund-org-program string, followed by the index.
 - When searching for a fund, it is recommended that you enter the word *fund* in addition to the fund number (e.g., *fund 360001*)
- Click Save when the fields are complete.



c. When you enter new **Invoice Items**, the **TOTAL** updates to show the total amount allocated and the **REMAINING** amount shows the amount yet to be allocated.



d. To enter an additional allocation, repeat steps 7.a. and 7.b. These steps should be repeated until the **REMAINING** amount is \$0.00.

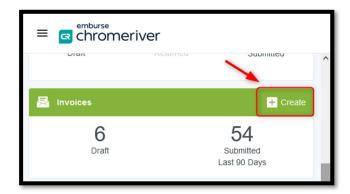


8. When all required fields have been completed, the correct documentation has been attached, and the amount is fully allocated, the invoice can be submitted. Submission instructions are found in the **5. Submitting Invoices** section of this guide.

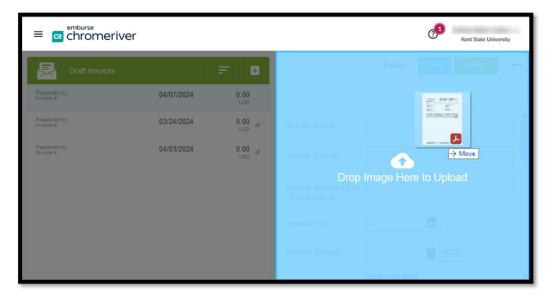
4.2 Creating a Non-PO Invoice or Credit Memo (Non-Vendor Payee)

To create a new non-PO invoice or credit memo for a Non-Vendor Payee (NVP) from scratch:

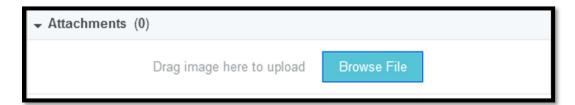
1. Click the Create button, found on the green Invoices ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



- 2. Upload the supporting documentation by either dragging and dropping it into the Invoice Entry (right side) screen or by scrolling down to the **Attachments** section and using the **Browse File** button.
 - Supported file types are .png, .jpeg, .jpg, and .pdf
 - NVP payment requests must be supported by an invoice, contract, or itemized receipts.



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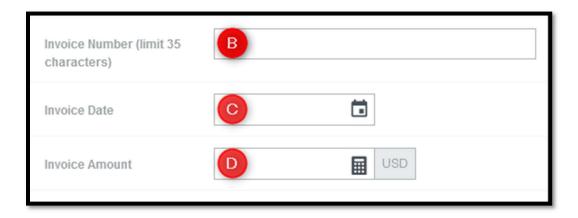


- 3. Complete the following required **Invoice Header** fields:
 - a. **Vendor Name** Select Create Non-Vendor Payee, enter the name of the NVP in the dialog box, and click Create.

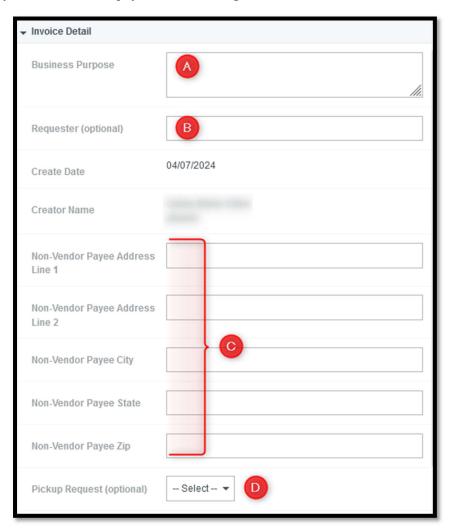




- b. *Invoice Number* An invoice number provided by the NVP vendors must be used when available.
 - This field accepts letters, numbers, spaces, and hyphens. Other special characters should be omitted.
 - If an NVP invoice number is not available, format the invoice number according to the Invoice Number Guidelines chart (###).
- c. *Invoice Date* Enter the invoice or contract date or the date when the expense that is being reimbursed was incurred.
- d. *Invoice Amount* Enter the amount shown on the NVP invoice.
 - Invoices cannot be short-paid.
 - Obtain a new (modified) invoice from the NVP if your invoice does not display the correct amount to be paid.
 - Credit memos must be entered as negative amounts.

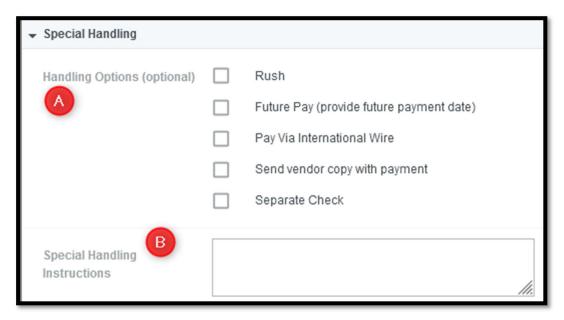


- 4. Complete the following **Invoice Detail** fields:
 - a. **Business Purpose** This field is required. Explain why the purchase is being made.
 - b. *Requester* This field is optional. See section 3.2 for more information about optional reviewers.
 - c. *Non-Vendor Payee Address* All address fields other than NVP Address Line 2 are required.
 - d. *Pickup Request* This field is optional.
 - Payments are issued directly to payees, in accordance with the payment preferences they indicate on their vendor registration.
 - Exceptions to this rule are payments initiated all or in part by the Office of General Counsel and payments related to payroll withholding.



Clicking **Save** at any point after completing the required fields found in the Invoice Header and Invoice Detail sections will save the invoice to creator's Drafts list.

- 5. Complete the following **Special Handling** fields as needed:
 - a. *Handling Options*
 - Rush The rush indicator should be used sparingly, for emergency and time-sensitive payments. Complete and correct rush requests that are received by Accounts Payable by noon on Tuesday will be included in the weekly Wednesday check run.
 - <u>Future Pay</u> Use when scheduling a payment in advance (e.g., monthly rent). The future date of the payment must be entered in the Special Handling Instructions field.
 - <u>International Wire</u> This option cannot be used for NVP payments.
 - <u>Vendor Copy</u> Use when requesting that documentation (e.g., an invoice stub) be mailed along with a check.
 - <u>Separate Check</u> Use to ensure that multiple payments to one vendor result in separate checks.
 - b. *Special Handling Instructions* Enter any future pay date here, as well as other special handling requests not listed above.



6. Entering a comment in the **Comments** section is optional.



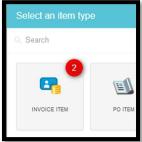
7. Enter the commodity and accounting allocation for the payment in the **Accounting** section.

Note that, before an allocation is added, the **TOTAL** will be \$0.00 and **REMAINING** will equal the **Amount** entered in the **Invoice Header** section.

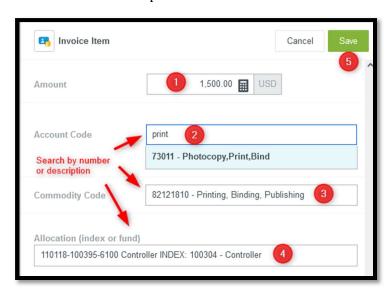


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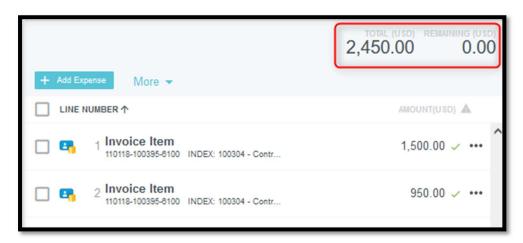
- b. Complete the *Amount*, *Account Code*, *Commodity Code*, and *Allocation* fields.
- The *Amount* is the amount that you are allocating to the specific accounting string.
- The Account Code, Commodity Code, and Allocation fields can be searched by number or description.
 - o You may need to pause as the system searches.
 - o Accounts that begin with 1, 2, and 9 must only be used when allocating to a fund.
 - When searching for an index, the Allocation result will display with the full fund-org-program string, followed by the index.
 - When searching for a fund, it is recommended that you enter the word *fund* in addition to the fund number (e.g., *fund 360001*)
- Click Save when the fields are complete.



c. When you enter new **Invoice Items**, the **TOTAL** updates to show the total amount allocated and the **REMAINING** amount shows the amount yet to be allocated.



d. To enter an additional allocation, repeat steps 7.a. and 7.b. These steps should be repeated until the **REMAINING** amount is \$0.00.

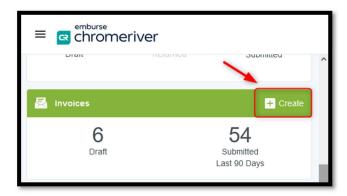


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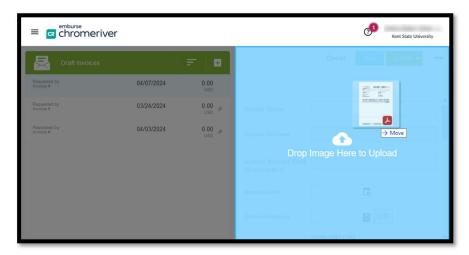
4.3 Creating a PO Invoice

To create a PO invoice or credit memo:

1. Click the Create button, found on the green Invoices ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



- 2. Upload the supporting documentation by either dragging and dropping it into the Invoice Entry (right side) screen or by scrolling down to the **Attachments** section and using the **Browse File** button.
 - Supported file types are .png, .jpeg, .jpg, and .pdf
 - Payment requests must be supported by an invoice or contract. Consult Appendix A Payment
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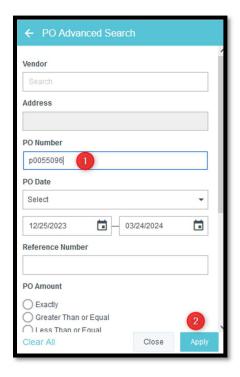
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3. In the **Invoice Header** section, select the blue **PO Number Search** link to open the **PO Advanced Search** page.



4. Enter your search criteria and click **Apply**.



5. The resulting list will show each matching PO's number, opening and current balance, and the name of the person who initiated its creation in Flashcart.



6. Select the appropriate PO and then click **Copy to Invoice**.

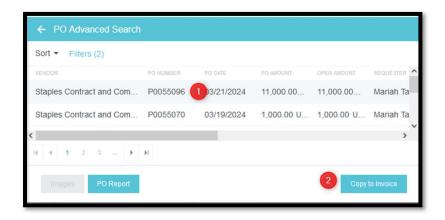
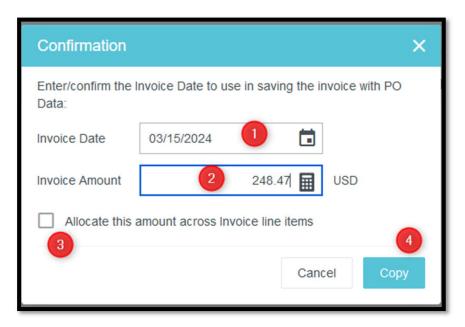


Chart 1: PO Line Items

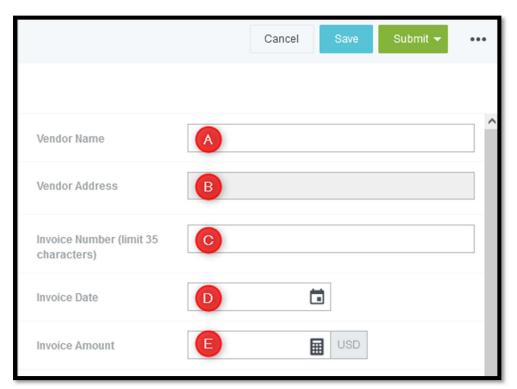
Each individual accounting sequence on a PO is considered a separate PO line item for payment purposes.

	PO Scenario	As Displayed in Flashcart	As Displayed in INVOICE
1	PO has one item/commodity line that is allocated to one accounting string	Item 1 - \$100 allocated to 100304 72015	PO Line #1 @ \$100 (100304 72015)
2	PO has two item/commodity lines, each allocated to one accounting string	Item 1 - \$100 allocated to 100304 72015 Item 2 - \$100 allocated to 100306 72017	PO Line #1 @ \$100 (100304 72015) PO Line#2 @ \$100 (100306 72017)
3	PO has one item/commodity line that is allocated to two accounting strings	Item 1 - \$100 total - \$25 allocated to 100304 72015 - \$75 allocated to 100304 72014	PO Line #1 @ \$25 (100304 72015) PO Line #2 @ \$75 (100304 72014)
4	PO has two item/commodity lines, each allocated to two accounting strings	Item 1 - \$100 total - \$25 allocated to 100304 72015 - \$75 allocated to 100304 72014 Item 2 - \$150 total - \$50 allocated to 100306 72015 - \$100 allocated to 100306 72017	PO Line #1 \$25 (100304 72015) PO Line #2 \$75 (100304 72014) PO Line #3 \$50 (100306 72015) PO Line #4 \$100 (100306 72017)

- 7. In the **Confirmation** box, enter the *Invoice Date* and *Invoice Amount*. Optionally, check the "*Allocate this amount across invoice line items*" box. Then click **Copy**.
 - Checking the "Allocate this amount across Invoice line items" box will result in the accounting allocation being distributed across all lines of the PO. Checking the box is recommended in the following circumstances:
 - When the invoice matches the full original amount of the PO (a "one and done" PO invoice that takes the PO balance down to zero).
 - When invoicing against a PO that has a single line item that is allocated to one accounting string (e.g., PO Scenario #1 in Chart 1: PO Line Items).
 - Leaving the "Allocate this amount across Invoice line items" box blank will add all open PO lines to the invoice. You will then need to edit the amounts on each line so that the total matches the amount of the invoice.



- 8. Review and complete the following required **Invoice Header** fields:
 - a. **Vendor Name** Confirm that the vendor name that was imported from the PO matches the vendor name on the invoice or contract.
 - b. **Vendor Address** Choose the address that matches the remittance address shown on the invoice. If the remittance address is not available in the dropdown, your vendor must register that address via PaymentWorks.
 - c. *Invoice Number* To prevent duplicate payments, invoice numbers provided by vendors must be used when available.
 - This field accepts letters, numbers, spaces, and hyphens. Other special characters should be omitted.
 - Consult **Appendix B Invoice Numbering Guidelines** to determine how to format invoice numbers when vendor invoice numbers are not available.
 - d. *Invoice Date* Confirm that the date in this field matches the date shown on the vendor invoice or contract.
 - e. *Invoice Amount* Confirm that the amount in this field matches the amount shown on the vendor invoice.
 - Invoices cannot be short-paid.
 - Obtain a new (modified) invoice from the vendor if your invoice does not display the correct amount to be paid.
 - Credit memos must be entered as negative amounts.



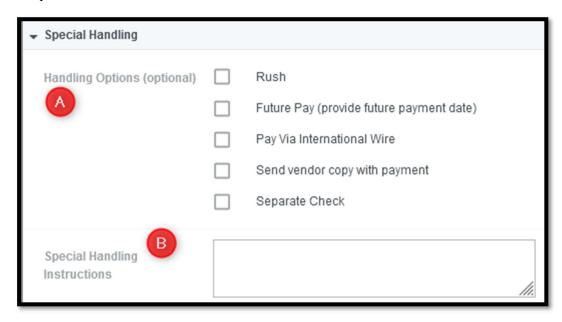
- 9. Review and complete the following **Invoice Detail** fields:
 - a. *Business Purpose* This field is required. Explain why the purchase is being made.
 - b. **Requester** This field will be pre-populated with the name of the person who initiated the PO in Flashcart. The name may be left as is or can be changed to a different requester.
 - c. *Pickup Request* This field is optional.
 - Payments are issued directly to payees, in accordance with the payment preferences they indicate on their vendor registration.
 - Exceptions to this rule are payments initiated all or in part by the Office of General Counsel and payments related to payroll withholding.



10. Complete the following **Special Handling** fields as needed:

a. *Handling Options*

- Rush The rush indicator should be used sparingly, for emergency and time-sensitive payments. Complete and correct rush requests that are received by Accounts Payable by noon on Tuesday will be included in the weekly Wednesday check run.
- <u>Future Pay</u> Use when scheduling a payment in advance (e.g., monthly rent). The future date of the payment must be entered in the Special Handling Instructions field.
- International Wire Use for payments being made in foreign currency or to a non-US bank account.
- <u>Vendor Copy</u> Use when requesting that documentation (e.g., an invoice stub) be mailed along with a check.
- <u>Separate Check</u> Use to ensure that multiple payments to one vendor result in separate checks.
- b. *Special Handling Instructions* Enter any future pay date here, as well as other special handling requests not listed above.

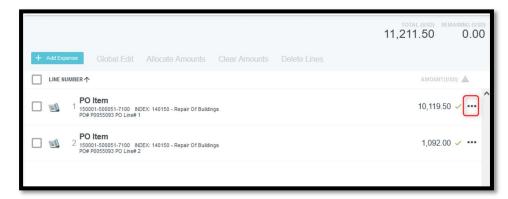


11. Entering a comment in the **Comments** section is optional.



12. In the **Accounting** section:

- a. Review and, if necessary, edit the amounts listed for the *PO Items*. To edit an item:
 - Click the three dots found to the right of the amount.



Select Edit



• Correct the amount as needed and then click Save.



b. Confirm that the invoice has been fully allocated by verifying that the REMAINING amount is \$0.00.

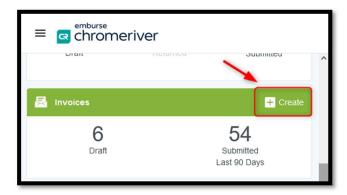


13. When all required fields have been completed, the correct documentation has been attached, and the amount is fully allocated, the invoice can be submitted. Submission instructions are found in the **5. Submitting Invoices** section of this guide.

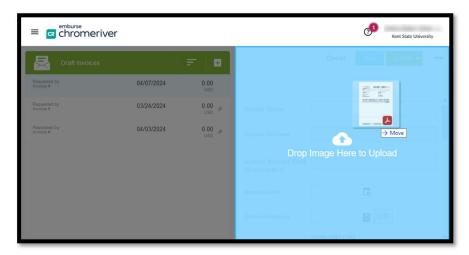
4.4 Copying a Prior Non-PO Invoice or Credit Memo

Follow these steps to copy over a previously-submitted non-PO invoice as a template for a new invoice.

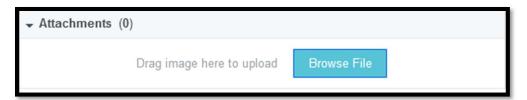
1. Click the Create button, found on the green Invoices ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



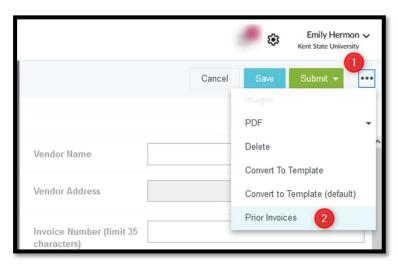
- 2. Upload the supporting documentation by either dragging and dropping it into the Invoice Entry (right side) screen or by scrolling down to the **Attachments** section and using the **Browse File** button.
 - Supported file types are .png, .jpeg, .jpg, and .pdf
 - Payment requests must be supported by an invoice or contract. Consult Appendix A Payment
 Request Documentation Guidelines to determine if the payment requires additional documentation.



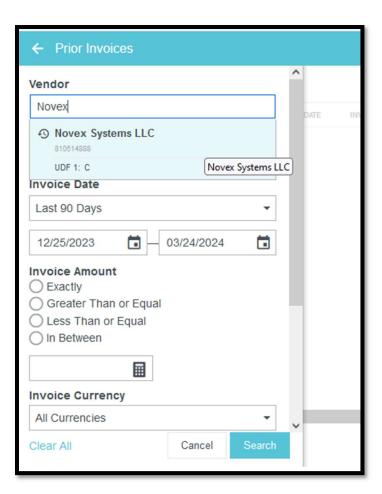
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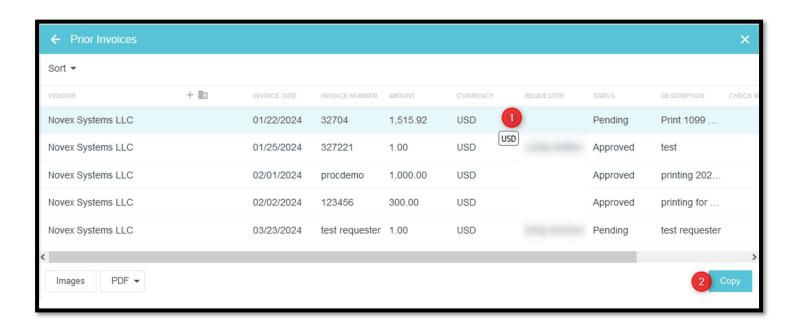
3. Click the three dots, located to the right of the green Submit button, and select Prior Invoices.



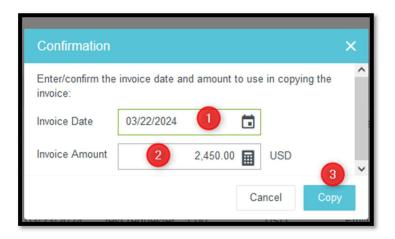
4. Enter your search criteria and click Search. This function searches invoices that were previously submitted within the system by all users.



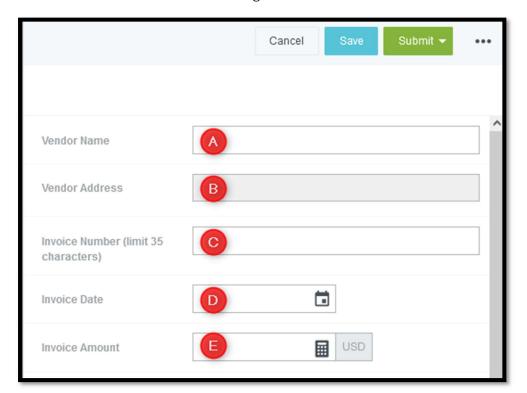
- 5. The search result will include all matching invoices, regardless of user.
 - To view an invoice, select it and click Image or PDF.
 - When you have identified the invoice that you want to copy, select it and click the blue Copy button.



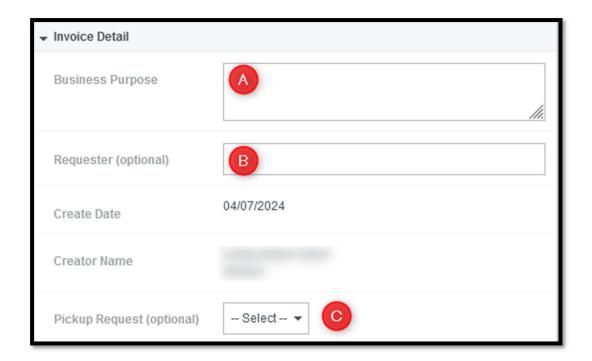
6. In the Confirmation box, enter the new invoice's date and amount and click Copy.



- 7. Review and complete the following required **Invoice Header** fields:
 - a. **Vendor Name** Confirm that the vendor name that was imported from the previously-submitted invoice matches the vendor name on the new vendor invoice or contract.
 - b. **Vendor Address** Confirm that the imported address that matches the remittance address shown on the vendor invoice. If the remittance address is not available in the dropdown, your vendor must register that address via PaymentWorks.
 - c. *Invoice Number* To prevent duplicate payments, invoice numbers provided by vendors must be used when available.
 - This field accepts letters, numbers, spaces, and hyphens. Other special characters should be omitted.
 - Consult **Appendix B Invoice Numbering Guidelines** to determine how to format invoice numbers when vendor invoice numbers are not available.
 - d. *Invoice Date* Confirm that the date in this field matches the date shown on the vendor invoice or contract.
 - e. *Invoice Amount* Confirm that the amount in this field matches the amount shown on the vendor invoice.
 - Invoices cannot be short-paid.
 - Obtain a new (modified) invoice from the vendor if your invoice does not display the correct amount to be paid.
 - Credit memos must be entered as negative amounts.

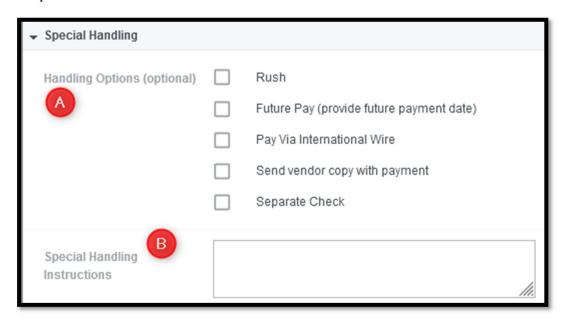


- 8. Review, complete, and edit the following **Invoice Detail** fields as necessary:
 - a. **Business Purpose** This field is required and will be imported from the copied invoice. It should explain why the purchase was being made.
 - b. *Requester* This field is optional and will be imported from the copied invoice. See section 3.2 for more information about optional reviewers.
 - c. *Pickup Request* This field is optional and will be imported from the copied invoice.
 - Payments are issued directly to payees, in accordance with the payment preferences they indicate on their vendor registration.
 - Exceptions to this rule are payments initiated all or in part by the Office of General Counsel and payments related to payroll withholding.



Clicking **Save** at any point after completing the required fields found in the Invoice Header and Invoice Detail sections will save the invoice to creator's Drafts list.

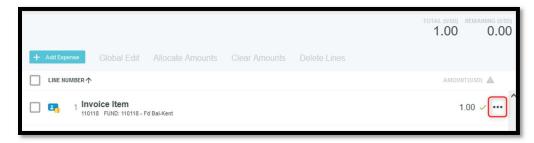
- 9. Complete the following **Special Handling** fields as needed. These fields will not be imported from the copied invoice:
 - a. Handling Options
 - Rush The rush indicator should be used sparingly, for emergency and time-sensitive payments. Complete and correct rush requests that are received by Accounts Payable by noon on Tuesday will be included in the weekly Wednesday check run.
 - <u>Future Pay</u> Use when scheduling a payment in advance (e.g., monthly rent). The future date of the payment must be entered in the Special Handling Instructions field.
 - International Wire Use for payments being made in foreign currency or to a non-US bank account.
 - <u>Vendor Copy</u> Use when requesting that documentation (e.g., an invoice stub) be mailed along with a check.
 - <u>Separate Check</u> Use to ensure that multiple payments to one vendor result in separate checks.
 - b. *Special Handling Instructions* Enter any future pay date here, as well as other special handling requests not listed above.



10. Entering a comment in the **Comments** section is optional.



- 11. The **Accounting** section will reflect the commodity and accounting information that was imported from the copied invoice.
 - a. Review and, if necessary, edit the amounts listed for the *Invoice Items*. To edit an item:
 - Click the three dots found to the right of the amount.



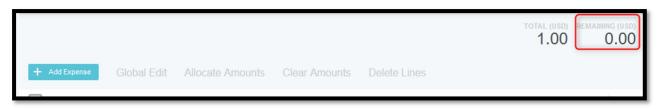
• Select Edit



• Correct the *Amount, Account Code, Commodity Code*, or *Allocation*, and then click **Save**.



b. Confirm that the invoice has been fully allocated by verifying that the REMAINING amount is \$0.00.



12. When all required fields have been completed, the correct documentation has been attached, and the amount is fully allocated, the invoice can be submitted. Submission instructions are found in the **5. Submitting Invoices** section of this guide.

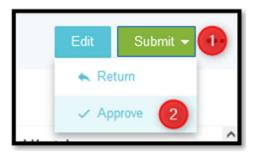
5. Submitting Invoices

Creators, Requesters, and Approvers use the Submit button to both return and approve invoices.

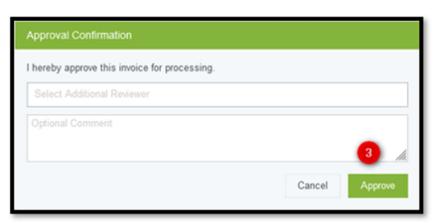
5.1 Approving an Invoice

To approve an invoice and allow it to route to the next default routing step:

1. Select Submit > Approve



2. Click the Approve button.



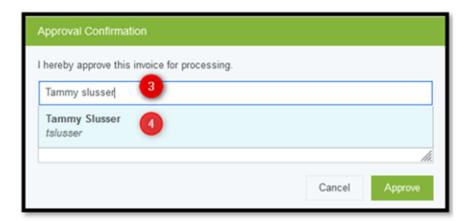
5.2 Approving an Invoice and Adding an Additional Reviewer

To approve an invoice and then insert an additional reviewer before the next default routing step:

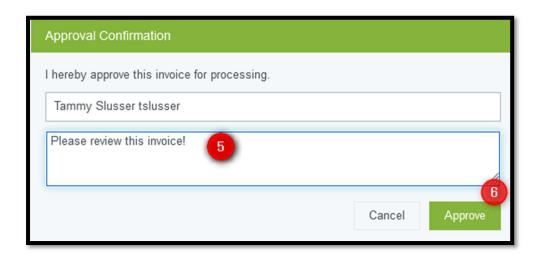
1. Select Submit > Approve



2. Enter the name of the reviewer in the *Select Additional Reviewer* field, and select the name from the search results.



3. Enter a message in the comment field and click Approve.



5.3 Returning an Invoice to a Creator

To return an invoice to its creator:

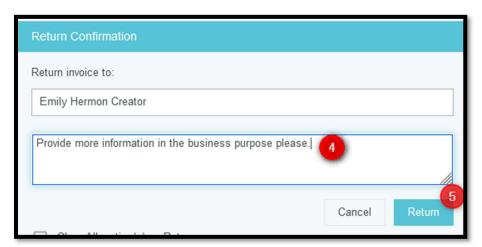
1. Select Submit > Return



2. Choose the creator's name from the *Return invoice to* dropdown field.



3. Enter a message in the comment field and click Return.



5.4 Returning an Invoice to a Requester

To return an invoice to its requester:

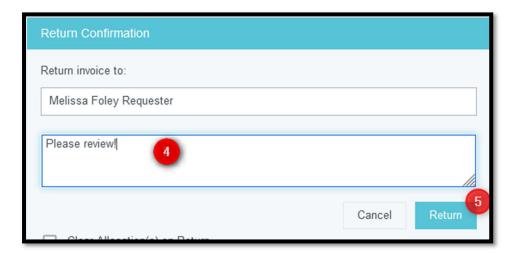
1. Select Submit > Return



2. Choose the requester's name from the *Return invoice to* dropdown field.



3. Enter a message in the comment field and click Return.



6. Managing Invoices – Initiators

6.1 Draft Invoices

Selecting the Drafts link on the Invoices ribbon will open your Drafts list.

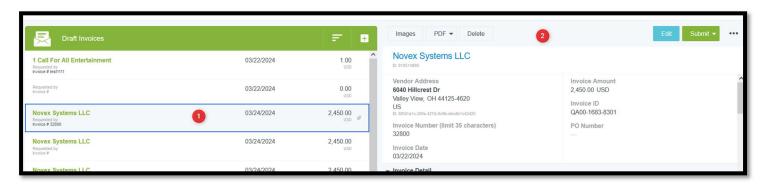


The list can be sorted by clicking on the sort icon (three parallel lines) that is found to the left of the plus sign.



6.11 Viewing a Draft Invoice

To view an invoice, select it from your **Drafts** list. It will then open in a panel on the right side of the screen.



Click the Images button to open the attached documentation in a panel on the left side of the screen.



Use the controls at the top of the Image panel to zoom in or out, rotate the image, or open it in a new browser tab. WARNING: The trash can image is a delete button.

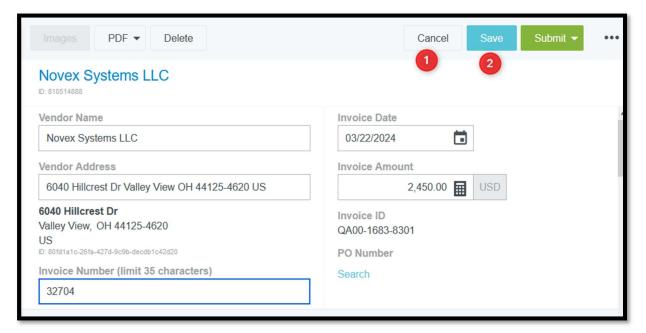


6.12 Editing the Invoice Header, Invoice Detail, and Special Handling Fields

To edit the Invoice Header, Invoice Detail, or Special Handling sections, select the blue **Edit** button that is in the upper right corner. This will open all fields for editing.



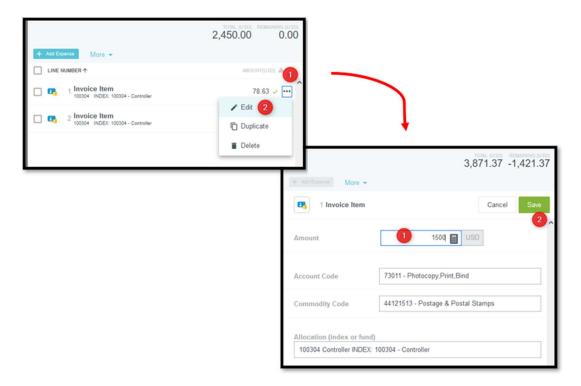
Select Cancel to exit without changing information or Save to save your changes.



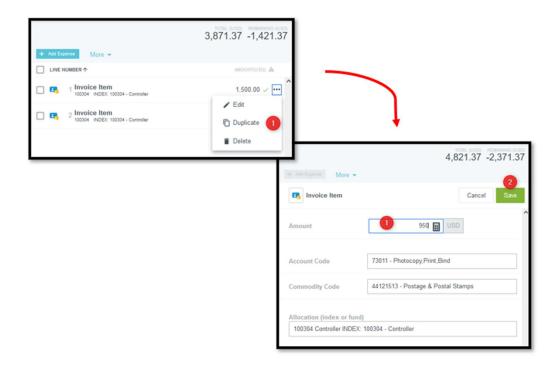
6.13 Editing the Accounting Information

Entries in the **Accounting** section can be edited, duplicated, or deleted.

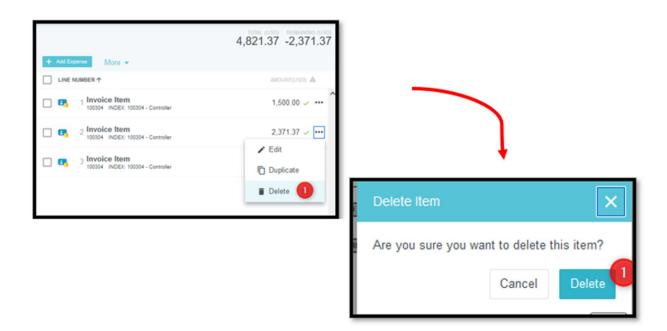
1. **To edit**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Edit. This will display the Invoice Item allocation, where you can make changes before clicking the Save button.



2. **To duplicate**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Duplicate. This will open an Invoice Item identical to the one that is being duplicated. Make any desired changes to its information and then click Save.



3. **To delete**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Delete. This will open an Invoice Item identical the the one that is being duplicated. Make any desire changes to its information and then click Save.



6.2 Submitted Invoices

Selecting the Submitted link on the Invoices ribbon will open a list of all invoices that you have submitted in Chrome River Invoice.



The list can be sorted by clicking on the sort icon (three parallel lines) found to the left of the plus sign.



Invoices that have a Pending tag have not yet been fully approved.



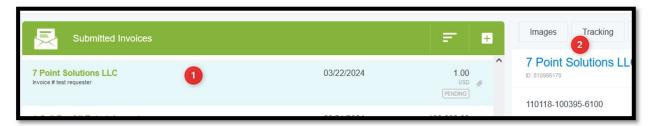
Invoices that have an Approved tag have been fully approved and exported to Banner, to await the next available check run. Their Banner invoice numbers are listed in their Comments sections.



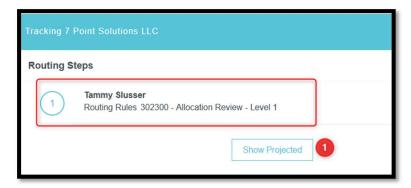
6.21 Tracking an Invoice

Use the Tracking feature to see where your invoice is in the routing process.

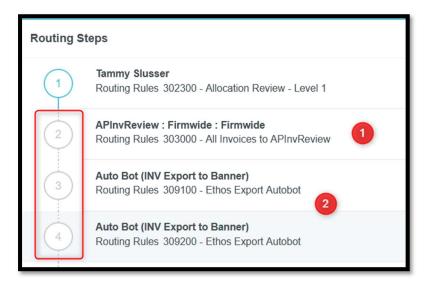
1. Select a pending invoice on your Submitted list on the left and then click the Tracking button on the right.



2. The Routing Steps will display, showing you whose queue the invoice is currently sitting in. Click the Show Projected button to see where the invoice will route after the current approver approves it.



- 3. Future routing steps display with greyed-out circles.
 - **APInvReview** = Accounts Payable review
 - Auto Bot = automated review that occurs before invoices are exported to Banner



4. To close out of Tracking, select the X found in the upper right corner, under your name.



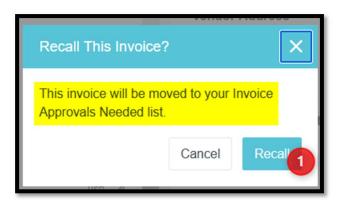
6.22 Recalling an Invoice

Use the Recall function to pull an invoice back from its approval routing steps. This can only be done with pending invoices.

1. Select the pending invoice from your Submitted list on the left and then click the Recall button on the right.



2. Note that the message that appears states that the invoice will be moved to your Invoice Approvals Needed list. Click Recall.

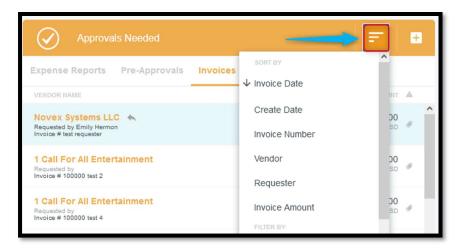


6.3 Recalled Invoices

Recalled invoices can be found in your **Invoices Approvals Needed** list, which is accessed by selecting the Invoices link under the gold Approvals ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



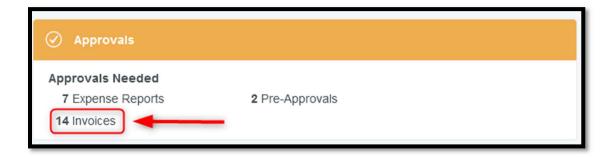
Your **Invoice Approvals Needed** list can be sorted by clicking the sort icon (three parallel lines) that is located to the left of the plus sign.



7. Managing Invoices – Approvers

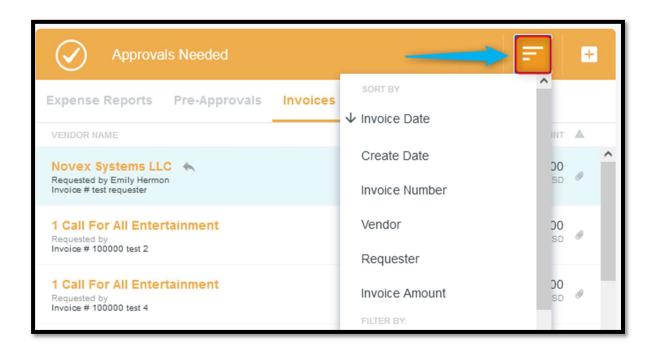
7.1 Approvals Ribbon

When an invoice is awaiting your approval, the Invoice indicator will appear under the gold Approvals ribbon on your Chrome River dashboard.



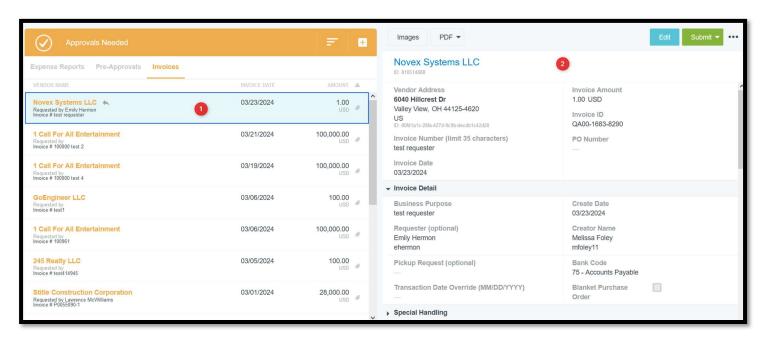
7.2 Approvals Needed List

Selecting the Invoices link on the Approvals ribbon will open the **Approvals Needed** list. The list can be sorted by clicking the sort icon (three parallel lines) that is found to the left of the plus sign.



7.21 Viewing an Invoice

To view an invoice, select it in your **Approvals Needed** list. This will open it in a panel on the right side of the screen.



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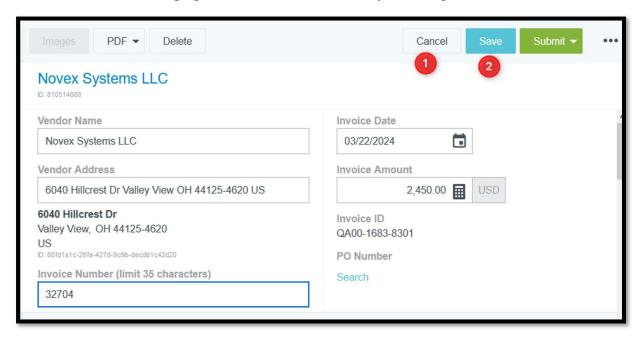


7.22 Editing the Invoice Header, Invoice Detail, and Special Handling Fields

To edit the Invoice Header, Invoice Detail, or Special Handling sections, select the blue **Edit** button that is in the upper right corner. This will open all fields for editing.



Select Cancel to exit without changing information or Save to save your changes.

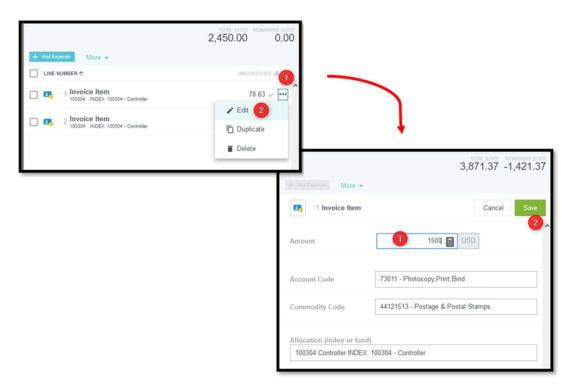


7.23 Editing the Accounting Information

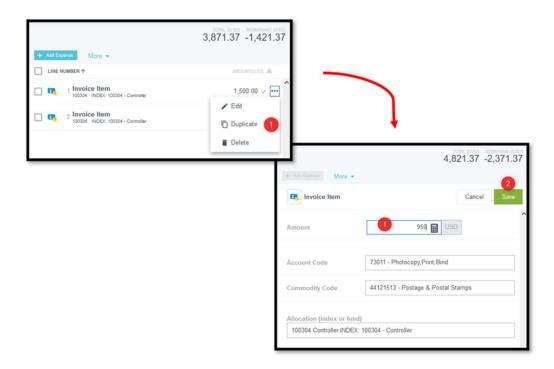
Entries in the Allocation section can be edited, duplicated, or deleted.

1. **To edit**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Edit. This will display the Invoice Item allocation, where you can make changes to any of the fields before clicking the Save button.

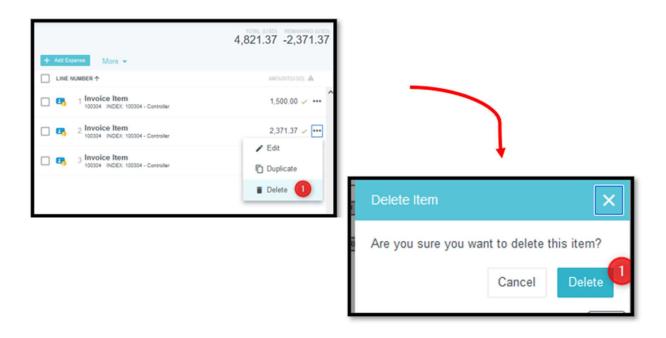
NOTE: If you change the entry in the Allocation field, the invoice will re-route to the correct accounting-based approver when you approve the invoice.



2. **To duplicate**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Duplicate. This will open an Invoice Item identical the the one that is being duplicated. Make any desire changes to its information and then click Save.



4. **To delete**, click the three dots to the right of the amount and choose Delete. This will open an Invoice Item identical the the one that is being duplicated. Make any desire changes to its information and then click Save.



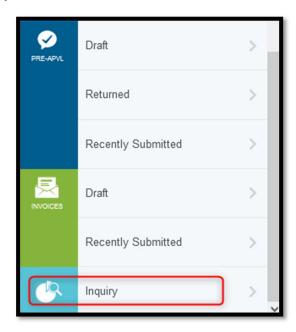
7.3 Viewing Approved Invoices

To view invoices that you have approved:

1. Open the "hamburger" menu (three horizontal lines) to the right of the emburse Chrome River logo in the upper left corner of your screen.



2. Scroll to and select **Inquiry**



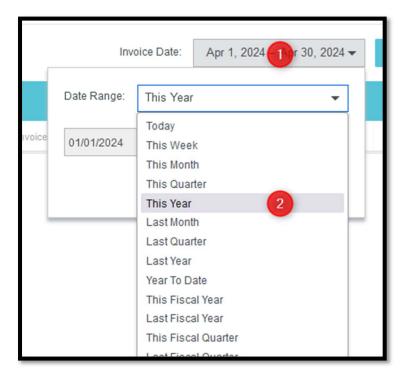
3. Select Invoice



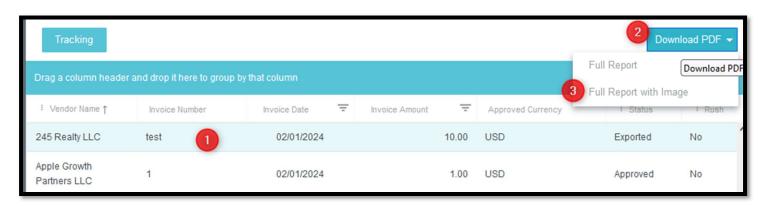
4. Select My Invoice Approvals



5. Click on the Invoice Date dropdown and then select a timeframe from the list and click Apply.



6. Select the invoice, Download PDF, and Full Report with Image.



Appendix A – Payment Request Documentation Guidelines

Most payment requests must be supported by an itemized invoice or contract. Certain expense categories require additional documentation. These guidelines state the required documentation needed for common expense categories, as well as suggested account numbers and relevant policies.

Expense Type	Requirements	Policy/Procedure
Awards to KSU students	Do not submit payment request. Coordinate with Student Financial Aid to issue funding through the student's account.	
Business meals and hospitality	Documentation: Itemized Invoice Executive Approval Form or equivalent List of attendees Suggested Account: 71202 Special notes: University funds may not be used to pay for alcohol. Alcoholic beverages provided as part of a business meal or hospitality event must be paid via the KSU Foundation.	7 - 02.5 Administrative policy regarding business meals and hospitality expenses payable or reimbursable from university funds
Contributions (donations, financial assistance, equipment, or supplies made to charitable or non-profit organizations or university foundation accounts using university funds)	Not Allowable Do not submit payment request.	7 - 02.13 Administrative policy regarding contributions and gifts Section (B)(1)(a)
Gifts (flowers, greeting cards, holiday decorations, radios, televisions, and parties where the beneficiaries are university employees or employees' dependents)	Not Allowable Do not submit payment request.	7 - 02.13 Administrative policy regarding contributions and gifts Section (B)(2)(a)(ii)
Gifts (must have an essential business purpose, includes plaques and other similar recognition awards, and customary gifts to international guests of the university)	Documentation Itemized Invoice Executive Approval Form or equivalent Suggested Account: varies according to type of gift	7 - 02.13 Administrative policy regarding contributions and gifts Section (B)(2)(a)(i)

Expense Type	Requirements	Policy/Procedure
Gift cards (cash advances for the purchase of gift cards unrelated to research)	Documentation: • Executive Approval Form or equivalent	
Independent Contractor (ICs) (payments for services performed by individuals, sole proprietors and single member LLCs, including honoraria)	 Documentation: Fully executed contract (or invoice for subsequent payments) HR independent contractor approval email PEDACKN (for the first payment under each contract) Executive Approval Form or equivalent (when HR approval has been denied) Suggested Account: dependent on purpose of services performed Special notes: Contracts must be signed by an executive officer or individual who has a Letter of Delegation on file with the Office of General Counsel 	6 – 04.3 Administrative policy regarding independent contractors HR Independent Contractor website https://www.kent.edu/hr/independent-contractor
Memberships or certifications	 Documentation: Itemized Invoice or membership registration/renewal form Executive Approval Form or equivalent (only for individual memberships) Suggested Account: 73405 	See: 7 - 02.12 Administrative policy regarding memberships and certifications
Petty cash reimbursements	Documentation: • Petty cash reimbursement form Suggested Account: dependent on purchases listed on reimbursement Special notes: • Itemized receipts must be retained in department and do not need to be attached to request.	See: Controller's website - Resources / Forms Library for procedure documents

Expense Type	Requirements	Policy/Procedure
Refunds	Documentation: • Document showing original receipt and deposit of funds being returned Suggested Account: account into which funds were original deposited	
Reimbursements (independent contractor)	 Documentation: Itemized receipts Fully executed contract (or invoice for subsequent payments) HR independent contractor approval email PEDACKN (for the first payment under each contract) Executive Approval Form or equivalent (when HR approval has been denied) Suggested Account: dependent on expenses incurred Special notes: Contracts must be signed by an executive officer or individual who has a Letter of Delegation on file with the Office of General Counsel 	6 – 04.3 Administrative policy regarding independent contractors HR Independent Contractor website https://www.kent.edu/hr/independent-contractor
Reimbursements (student employee)	 Documentation: Itemized receipts Email confirming that Student	
Reimbursements (travel expenses for prospective employee or student)	Documentation: • Itemized receipts Suggested Account: 71022	

Appendix B – Invoice Numbering Guidelines

Invoice numbers are required for all payment requests. When available, vendor invoices must be used. When a vendor invoice number is not available, invoice numbers must be formatted according to these guidelines.

Expense Type	Details	Invoice Number Format	Example (example date is 5/15/24)
Other	Anything not fitting into the categories on this list	 1) 1st pmt = INV+date on invoice 2) Subsequent pmts add /# of pmt 	1) INV051524 2) INV051524/2
Commissions (UCS only)	Commissions for sales at UCS dining areas	COMM+MMDDYY	COMM051524
Construction (OUA only)	Pmt to fulfill construction contracts	Project Number+Record Number	24L009PAY0002
Cooperating teacher stipends	Pmt to school districts who host student teachers	1) Semester (FA, SP, or SU)+YYYY 2) Regionals add campus name	1) FA2024 2) FA2024-STARK
Events	Includes catering and venue rentals	1) 1st pmt = EVENT+contract # or first day of event 2) Subsequent pmts add /# of pmt	1) EVENT051524 2) EVENT051524/2
Gift cards	Cash advance to purchase gift cards	GCARDS+date on IRB form	GCARDS051524
Hotel	Group and student group travel only	Use (in order of preference) folio or confirmation #	Varies by vendor
Independent contractors		SERV+first date of service listed on invoice	SERV051524
Leases	1) Short-term 2) Long-term	1) Room or street#+RENT+MMYY 2) RENT+date of invoice	1) RENT1230524 2) RENT051524
Memberships	1) Institutional 2) Individual	1) MEMB+first year 2) MEMB+last name+first year	1) MEMB24 2) MEMBHERMON24
Petty cash	Replenishing a petty cash change fund	PCASH+date of first expense	PCASH051524
Refund	Returning funds (e.g., room deposits)	REFUND+date revenue received	REFUND051524

Expense Type	Details	Invoice Number Format	Example (example date is 5/15/24)
Registration fees	1) College fairs 2) Conferences	1) FAIR+first day of fair 2) Last name+first day of event	1) FAIR051524 2) HERMON051524
Reimbursement	 Student employee (reviewed by SFA) Prospective employees or students 	1) REIM+date of first expense 2) REIM+first day of visit	REIM051524
Research subject pmts		RS+date request is being submitted	RS051524
Royalty	Regular Location-specific	1) ROY+first date of time period 2) ROY+MMDDYY+Location #	1) ROY051524 2) ROY051524-52323
Stipend	Pmt to to researcher or student for job training (reviewed by SFA)	STIP+month and year STIP+date assignment completed	1) STIP0524 2) STIP051524
US Dept of Homeland Security	Visa fees	1) Last name+H1B+YY 2) Last name+FRAUD+YY 3) Last Name+PREM+YY	1) HERMONH1B24 2) HERMONFRAUD24 3) HERMONPREM24
Utilities	Utilities that bill under account numbers	Varies by vendor; check FAIVNDH for history	

Vendor Specific:

Vendor	Details	Example
Fred Albrecht	Must provide statement that lists 15-digiit invoice# along with receipt	022005407123456 026240700800440
Hungry Howie's (HHP Holding Company)	Phone number of person placing order/date of order	3306722607/051524