#### Overview:

The SAMtool is a financial and budget management tool for sponsored projects intended to reduce administrative burden, the need for redundant systems, and improve the accuracy and timeliness of data and reporting efficiency.

It provides the user with the power to harness multiple reporting and budget planning capabilities in a single portal, in addition to the current financial reporting tools.

Some of the specific features of the SAMtool are:

- "Dashboard" type reporting for Chairs, Deans and VPR providing a summary of department, school/college, and university level sponsored activities by PIs, total sponsored budget, F&A recovery, etc.
- At-a-glance summary views for PIs and Administrators on awards for which they are responsible
- Burn-rate indicators for potential over or under spending on awards
- Ability to drill down from summary data to multiple sub-levels of summary data, and to the transaction level while also providing links to source documentation
- Categorize financial data to mirror OSP Budget Template Categories providing intuitive analysis throughout the award lifecycle
- Enable PIs and Admins to create "what-if" scenarios for project planning, including commitments throughout the grant cycle
- Clean, consistent, and concise reporting for all sponsored awards
- Reduce / Eliminate need for shadow systems

### **Accessing the SAMtool:**

Open Browser.

This brings you to the *MySlice Sign In page*. Enter your NetID and Password and click on the *Sign In* button.



You will see your own MySlice Page.

Under *Financial Services* Pagelet, you will see *Sponsored Award Mgmt Tool (SAMtool)*, and one to two links based on your access.



### Access to the tool is dependent upon your current security level for Grants.

**Award and Project Summary Report**s will be available to the following users:

- Award PI
- Departmental Administrators who currently have award level access in FAST

**Project Summary Report** will be available to the following users:

- Project Pls
- Project Managers
- Departmental Administrators who currently have project level access in FAST

### The following navigation is intended to highlight some features of the report:

- Award and Project Summaries based on your access and categorized by the OSP Budget template category
- Forward Funded Details and links to the Award Notes and Award Brief
- Drillable links from the Award/project to the transaction level data
- Burn Rate Indicator, burn rates with/without commitments, allowable remainder
- Links to HR Appointment Data and PO Inquiry
- Budget Scenarios that can be modified for "what-if" analysis
- Salary Summary by employee based on current payroll level security
- Participant Costs can be limited by name
- Equipment tag numbers will be available on transaction detail level
- Filters and Sorts for efficient data retrieval
- Data is exportable to pdf and Excel
- Fringe and F&A now roll up to related costs
- Total billed to Sponsor and Total payments received from Sponsor

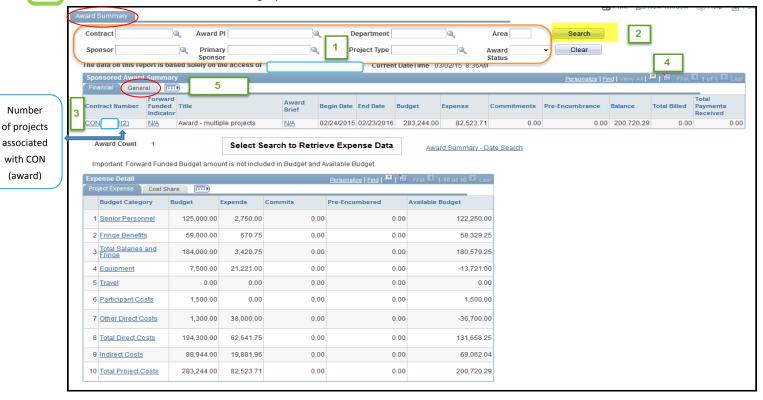
### AWARD SUMMARY REPORT

Click on Award Summary Report link

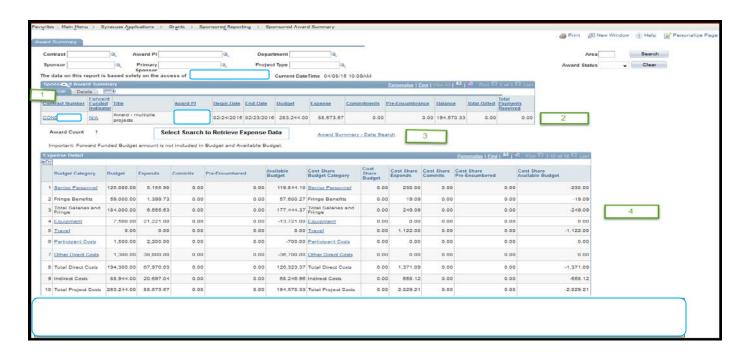


Any awards for which you have access will appear on the Award Summary

- 1. Filters: Enter a Value or click on the magnifying glass to select a value
- 2. Click the search button to poulate the Expense detail grid
- 3. All Links will allow you to drill down to the next level except fringe, indirect, and total costs.
- 4. Grids are exportable to Excel.
- 5. General Tab contains more demographic information.

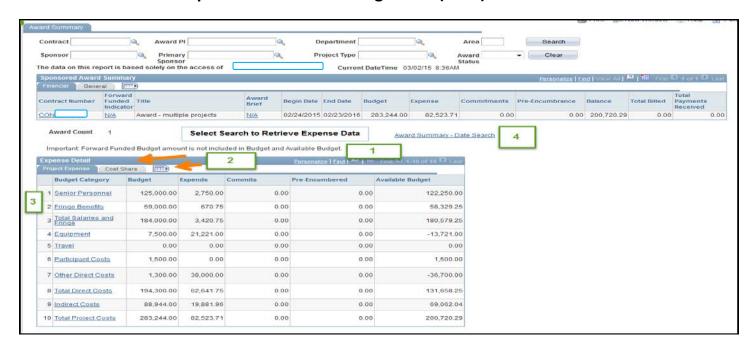


- 1. Ability to drill down on an award (CON number)
- 2. Total Billed (Invoiced) to Sponsor and Total Paid by Sponsor
- 3. Date Limits Available
- 4. Summarization of Direct and Cost Share Budget, Expenses, Commitments, and Pre-Encumbered (Requisitions) by OSP Budget Template Budget Categories

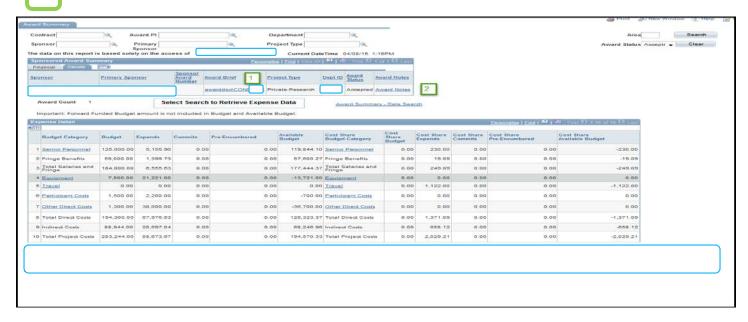


### **Expense Detail:**

- 1. Forward funded: Although forward funded expenditures are reported, it is important to note that the budget is not included nor is it included in the available budget balance.
- 2. The page defaults to displaying activity directly charged to the awards (Project Expenditures tab). This includes budget, expenses, commitments and pre-encumbrances. To view the *cost share activity* on your awards, click on the Cost Share Tab. To see both, click on the expander.
- 3. Click on budget category to drill down for more detail
- 4. Click on Award Summary Data Search link to limit by date range (further detail on next page).



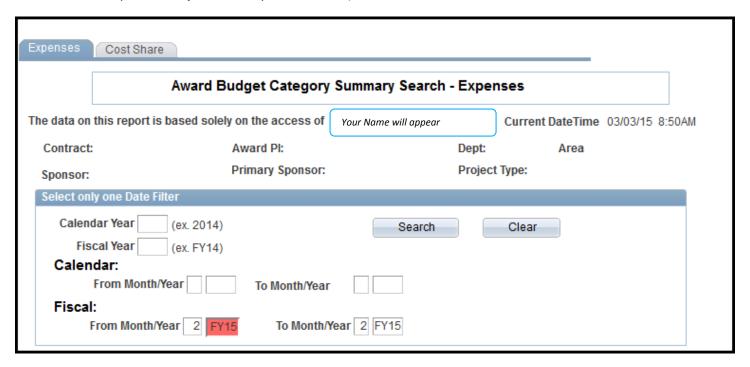
- 1. Link to Award Brief
- 2. Link to Award Notes



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### **Searching by Date Parameters:**

To see all expenditures and commitments for a specific time period, *click on Award Summary – Date Search* (Note: This will work the same way on the Project Summary – Date Search)



### Limit by one of the following date filters:

- *Calendar Year:* Enter 4 digit calendar year (Example: **2015**. This will return data for activity from 1/1/15-12/31/15)
- *Fiscal Year:* Enter 'FY' and the last 2 digits of the fiscal year (Example: **FY15.** This will return data for activity from 7/1/14-6/30/15)
- Calendar Date Range: Enter FROM month and 4 digit calendar year and a TO month and 4 digits calendar year.
- Fiscal Date Range: Enter FROM month and 'FY' and the last 2 digits of the fiscal year

### Misc. Tips and Tricks in the Award Summary:

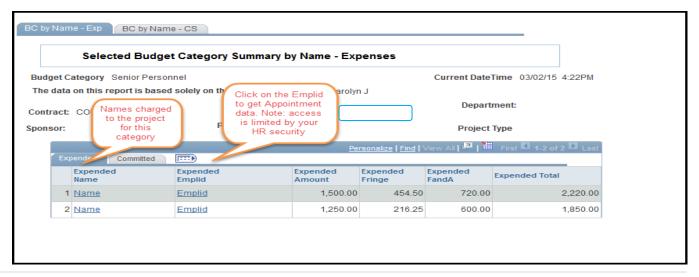
- The Cancel button on the bottom left side of each page is your "Back" button.
- Hover over any area that shows "...." under the field and a box will pop up with a descriptor of the item in that field.



• Note on the Budget Categories: Fringe and Indirect Costs are not "drillable". In subsequent pages they will be associated with the expense incurred, but the totals will appear on the bottom grid (sample below).



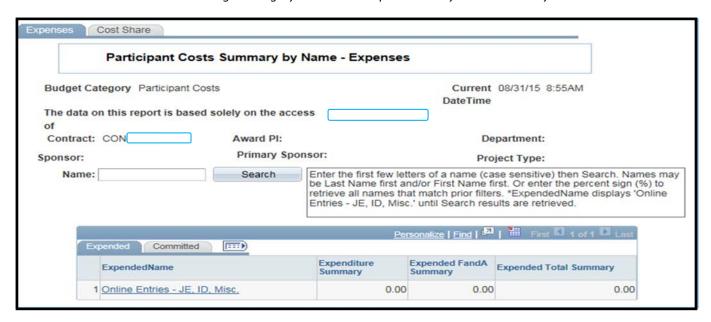
• Interested in reviewing salaries for employees and/or the related appointment information? Click on a Salary budget category > Budget Category by Employee Summary Link



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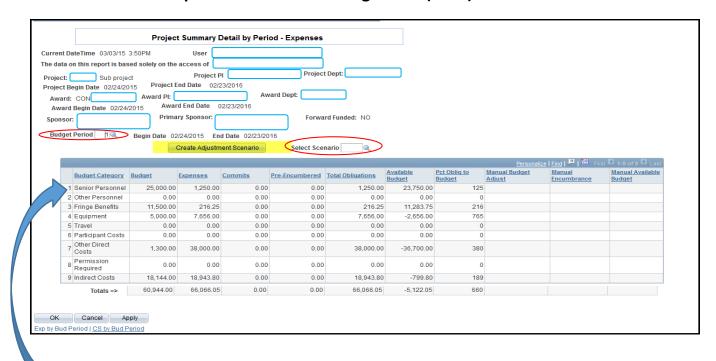
• Interested in reviewing Participant Costs by Person?

Click on the PARTICIPANT COSTS Budget Category > Go to Participant Costs by Name Summary link



 Does your sponsor allow for some flexibility in the budget and/or you would like projections on a budget to include commitments currently tracked outside the system? A what-if scenario?

Click on Contract Number > Project Id > Project Summary Detail by Period > Create Adjustment Scenario



Note: The Salary Commitments are only entered in the financial system for the current fiscal year. These salary commitments will align with the appropriate budget period on the Project Summary Detail by Period page.

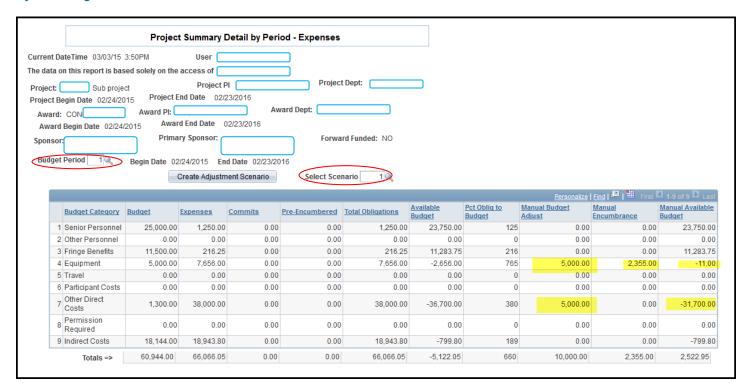
Add a new Value Tab > Add. Enter your changes.



Save.

Here is your new projected available budget.

Note: This does not go into the financial system. This is strictly a tool to use for projections, and as such, is only available for current and future budget periods. Prior Periods are available for review only. This is strictly to be used as a forecasting tool.



At this point you can:

- Add another scenario
- Delete the scenario
- Review other budget periods

**Note:** This is viewable by other project team members but they cannot modify. If they wanted to make a change, they would need to create a different scenario.

### **PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT**

#### Click on Project Summary Report



Any projects for which you have project or award level access, will appear on as a summary of all projects.

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- 6. *Calculations*:

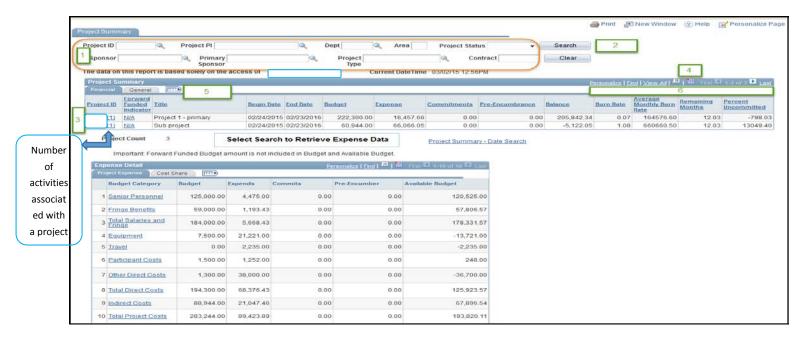
**Burn Rate:** (-1) \* Remaining Balance/Budgeted Amount + [(Period End date-As of date) / (Period end date-Period start Date)].

Note: Due to rounding, the % can be off by a couple of tenths of a percent

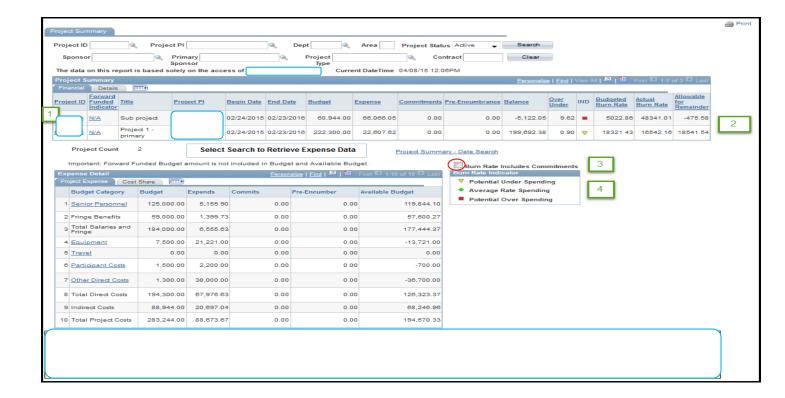
Average Monthly Burn Rate: Actual (expense) amount / [(As of Date - Period Start Date) /30]

**Remaining Months:** (Period End Date – As of Date) / 30 **Percent Uncommitted:** Uncommitted amount/ Budget x100

Uncommitted Amount: Remaining - (Average monthly burn rate \* remaining months)



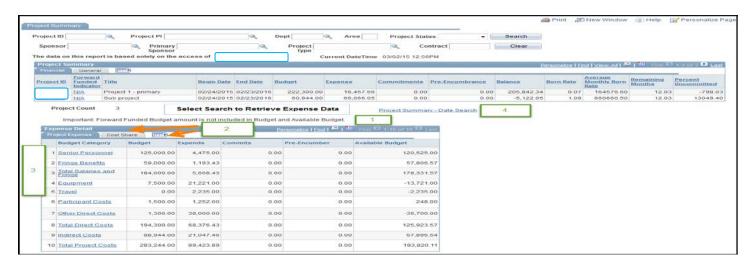
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- 2. Burn rate calculations
- 3. Burn Rate can be calculated with or without commitments with the use of a check mark in the box
- 4. Burn Rate Indicator Legend



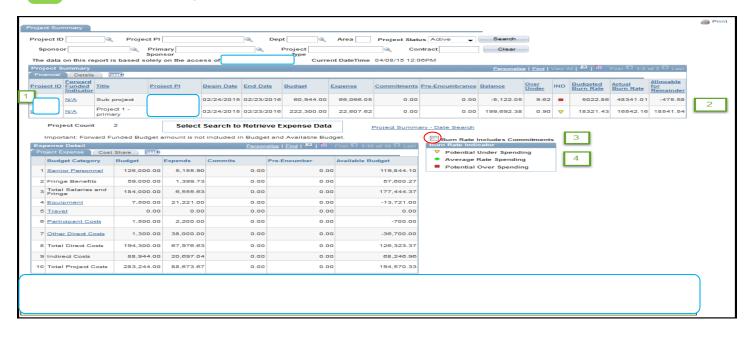
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- 4. Click on this link to limit by date range

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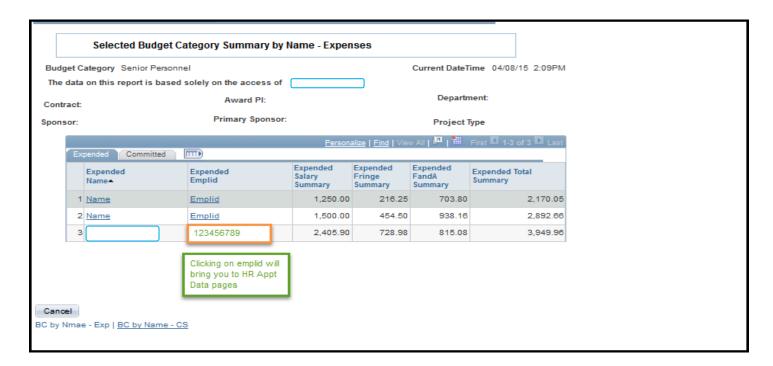


### **Links to HR Appointment Info:**

Note: This access is only available if you currently have payroll detail access to a project/award and HR access to appointment data.

#### Note: Payroll Summary Access:

- The link for Budget Category by Employee Summary will not be available
- When clicking on expended account code links, you will receive the message: "You are currently not authorized to access payroll detail information for this project."



### PO inquiry link and Equipment tag detail:



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This Help Guide is to be used as a <u>starting</u> point. We encourage you to drill in to the links, use the filters, look at the data, and add a budget scenario. This Help Guide along with a Detailed Navigation Guide and FAQs are available on the OSA website.

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