



Payroll Costing Allocations (PCA) for Research

In Workday, adding or changing distributions of an employee for **current** or **future** pay periods is done using the **Costing Allocation** process. This process is similar to VUMC's legacy EDC process previously completed in ePAC. You must have the security role of Manager or Payroll Costing Initiator to create or edit a Payroll Costing Allocation in Workday.

If your work is not connected to research, refer to the non-research [PCA guide](#).

Access Employee Information

1. Enter employee name or ID in the Search bar and click on employee record.
2. From the employee information screen, select **Pay**.
3. From the Pay tab, select the **Cost Allocations** tab.

The screenshot shows the Workday interface. At the top, a search bar contains 'Anita Knapp (0123456)'. Below it, a card for 'Anita Knapp (0123456)' is shown with a green circle '1' next to the name. To the right, a sidebar for 'Anita Knapp (0123456)' shows the 'Pay' tab selected with a green circle '2'. Below the search bar, a 'Results' tab is selected with a green circle '3'.

View Current Allocations

1. Expand **Default Organizational Assignments** to view the employee's default cost center.
2. Scroll down to view all allocations within the **Current and Future Costing Allocations** section.
3. Current distribution centers and percentages display. Note that no dollars display.
4. Use **View All Costing Allocations** to view historical allocations.

Important: Users may also see Worker Earning if the employee has an allowance plan. Ignore this section.

The screenshot shows the 'Default Organizational Assignments' section. A table titled 'Current and Future Costing Allocations' is displayed with 5 items. The table has columns for 'Start Date', 'End Date', 'Costing Allocation Level', and 'Position Restrictions'. The first row shows '07/01/2022', 'Position Restrictions', and 'P00052753 Manager Learning'. Below the table, a detailed view of an allocation is shown with a green circle '3' next to the '56.00%' value. At the bottom, a button labeled 'View All Costing Allocations' is shown with a green circle '4'.

Start Date	End Date	Costing Allocation Level	Position Restrictions
07/01/2022		Position Restrictions	P00052753 Manager Learning

Details of allocation (56.00%):

- CARTS: CTZZZ Other - Non-AE Center - Non-AE Center
- Cost Center: CC00830 MCA HR Learning Operations
- Function Code: FC23023 Institutional Support - General Administration
- Fund: FD001 General Fund
- Operating Entity: OEMCA Medical Center Administration

Details of allocation (44.00%):

- CARTS: CTZZZ Other - Non-AE Center - Non-AE Center
- Cost Center: CC01826 MCA Revenue Cycle Analytics & Support Services
- Function Code: FC20545 VMG
- Fund: FD001 General Fund
- Operating Entity: OEMCA Medical Center Administration



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In the example below, today is March 11th. The user is entering a Payroll Costing Allocation for the current pay period which starts March 1.

Assign Costing Allocation



1. Click **Maintain** on the Costing Allocations tab to display the **Assign Costing Allocation** window.
2. In **Include Existing Allocations**, the default is today's date (current allocation). If you are making a change to the current pay period only, do not change from the default date. This section can be used to change the dates copied to an new allocation.
3. Do **Not** use the **Worker Costing Section**. Leave blank.
4. Enter the **Effective Date** for the new allocation. Note that this should be the **start** of the current or future pay period (or hire date for new hire). See additional details below.
5. Enter the employee's name in the **Position Restrictions** box. Note that you can also use the search.
6. Click **OK**.

1 Maintain




Assign Costing Allocation

*Please enter the employee's name in the **Position Restrictions** field to initiate the new costing allocation.*

Include Existing Allocations

From 03/11/2025  2
To MM/DD/YYYY 

Worker Costing 3

Worker x Anita Kna (23456) 
Position 
Earning 

Position Restrictions Costing

Effective Date 03/01/2025  4
Position Restrictions  5

Cancel

OK 6

Effective Date:

Must be start date of current or future pay period, or hire date

Current Pay Period:

Non-Exempt (hourly) - two-week pay period, click [here](#) for the pay calendar

Exempt—Current month

**For prior period adjustments (where payroll is completed), see Payroll Accounting Adjustment*



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Copy Existing Costing Allocation

1. The **Start Date** will default to the first day of the existing costing allocation.
 2. Enter an **End Date** for the *current* allocation based on the Effective Date (top) entered in Step 4, page 4. (e.g., if the effective date is 3/1 for the new allocation, the end date for the current allocation would be 2/28)
- Important:** Do Not check the copy box until after step #2
3. Check the **Copy Costing Allocation** box to create a copy of the existing allocation.
 4. A blue check mark will briefly appear.
- Important:** Do Not click the check box more than once even though the blue check mark has disappeared.
5. The start date has now been changed to the planned start date for the costing allocation you are creating.

Assign Costing Allocation

Please enter the employee's name in the [Position Restrictions](#) field

Costing Criteria

Effective Date 03/01/2025

Position Restrictions P00017494 Manager - Anita Knapp (0123456)

Proposed Costing Allocations	Existing Costing Allocations
<div> <div>10/01/2024</div> <div>02/28/2025</div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>Copy Costing Allocation</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>

1 Start Date * 10/01/2024

2 End Date ? 02/28/2025

3

Copy Costing Allocation ☐

Start Date * 10/01/2023

End Date ? 02/28/2025

4

Copy Costing Allocation ☒

Start Date * 10/01/2023

End Date ? 02/28/2025

Copy Costing Allocation ☐

Start Date * 03/01/2025

End Date ? MM/DD/YYYY

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Note:

There are two PCAs on this screen: the top is the current period and below is the closed period that is being copied. The current pay period is the only one that should be edited. Do not make changes to the PCA dated 10/1-2/28. To change allocations in a closed pay period, you will need to complete a Payroll Accounting Adjustment. If you change a closed period in this tool, it will not do anything.

Click here to sort

03/01/2025

10/01/2023 02/28/2025



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Edit New Costing Allocation and Submit

1. The **Current Allocation** section will display with the new **Start Date** (3/01/25 in this example).
2. **Do not enter an end date.**
3. Use the **+** or **-** to **add** or **remove** rows. Note that adding a row will load with the default Cost Center information.

Important: If you are adding a new funding source, add a new line. Do not make changes within an existing line for the new source. This will minimize the possibility of unintentional mismatched worktags. Starting with a new line and adding a driver worktag ensures that the related worktags populate correctly.

4. Changing any Driver Worktag (Grant, Gift, etc.) will update any Related Worktags.

Important: If you select an expired worktag, that % will charge to the employees default org assignment when payroll is processed and have to be corrected with a Payroll Accounting Adjustment.

5. Change any % allocations. Total must be 100%.
6. Double check that you have included all necessary worktags on each line. A grant must have a grant worktag, a program must have a program worktag, etc.
7. Include attachments and comments to clearly explain the change and to ensure it is not returned.

Important: If you are unsure about what you are changing, stop to get more information to ensure it is correct. The goal is to successfully submit the PCA the first time so that it moves through the workflow without additional delays and work for you!

8. Click **Submit** to send for approval workflow.



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Salary Cap

Any distribution charged to a grant where a sponsor imposed salary cap is applicable will be indicated in the column **Salary Over the Cap**. Workday automatically calculates the portion of salary under and over salary cap when payroll is calculated.

Important: The salary over the cap is assigned to the award where the grant is attached. If the employee's salary is not over the cap, no salary over the cap will be calculated. However, the ❶ will still appear.

1. Default Costing Allocations for salary over the cap funding can be entered in the **Salary Over the Cap Default Costing Allocation Details** section.
2. To enter the default source of funding to where the calculated salary over the cap should be charged, click the + to add a blank row.
3. Enter the appropriate worktags then click **Done**. Note that the default allocation will display a **0**.
4. Any amount entered on the distribution line will display a number and will override the default entry.

NOTE: If no default source of funding is identified, Workday will still calculate salary over the cap and charge it to the employee's default cost center assignment.

NOTE: Any line amount previously entered will override the default entry. To apply the default to that line, click the ❶ to open the line entry and click — to delete the row.

5. Click **Submit**.

✓ Salary Over the Cap Default Costing Allocations ❶

Use this grid to specify default allocations for Salary Over the Cap costing. To override the default Salary Over the Cap costing allocations, click the action button in the Salary Over the Cap column on the Costing Allocation Details grid and enter suballocation overrides. If you don't specify defaults on this grid or suballocation overrides from the Costing Allocation Details grid, then Workday uses the organizational defaults for payroll processing.

Salary Over the Cap Default Costing Allocation Details 0 items

Order	Default (As of Start Date)	Required with no Default (Must have Costing Override)	Costing Company	Gift	Project	Program
No Data						

Cap Amount 225,700.00

1 item

Order	Default (As of Start Date)	Required with no Default (Must have Costing Override)	Costing Company	Gift	Project	Program	Cost Center
+			Vanderbilt University Medical Center				

Done

Additional Worktags	Distribution Percent	Salary Over the Cap
FC19019 Sponsored Research		
CARTS: CTRFG Research - Federal - Grant	3	0
Function Code: FC18081 Instruction and Departmental Research - Sponsored Training		
CARTS: CTRFG Research - Federal - Grant	5	1
Function Code: FC19019		

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Submit
Save for Later
Cancel



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Important: The salary over the cap is assigned to the award where the grant is attached. If the employee's salary is not over the cap, no salary over the cap will be calculated. However, the ¹ will still appear.

- To override the default source of funding and enter where the calculated salary over the cap should be charged, click the number ¹.

Important: If no source of funding is identified, Workday will still calculate salary over the cap and apply the default allocation that has been set. If no default SOC is set, Workday will charge it to the employee's default cost center assignment.

Order	Default (As of Start Date)	Required with no Default (Must have Costing Override)	Costing Company	Grant	Cost Center	*Fund	*Operating Entity	Additional Worktags	* Distribution Percent	Salary Over the Cap
+	-		Vanderbilt University Medical Center	GR007019 4046000081 RHD103348-02:DEVELOPMENT OF A RELIABLE, VALID, AND SENSITIVE	CC03030 Pediatrics - Neurology Div - CD Acad Grants Gifts	FD004 Sponsored Program Fund	OEAcad_GG Academic Grants and Gifts	CARTS: CTRFC Research - Federal - Grant Function Code: FC19019 Sponsored Research	15	¹
+	-		Vanderbilt University Medical Center	GR006994 4046000153 RHD083181-02:NEUROBEHAVIORAL AND BIOCHEMICAL OUT	CC03030 Pediatrics - Neurology Div - CD Acad Grants Gifts	FD004 Sponsored Program Fund	OEAcad_GG Academic Grants and Gifts	CARTS: CTRFC Research - Federal - Contract Function Code: FC19019 Sponsored Research	1	²

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Grant Name 4046000081 RHD103348-02:DEVELOPMENT OF A RELIABLE, VALID, AND SENSITIVE

Award Line Start Date 09/01/2020

Award Line End Date 08/31/2023

Award Name Development of a reliable, valid, and sensitive outcome measure in Rett syndrome

Salary Over the Cap Type NIH Level II Salary Cap

Cap Amount 203700

1 Item

Order	Default (As of Start Date)	Required with no Default (Must have Costing Override)	Costing Company	Cost Center	Fund	*Operating Entity	*Assignee	Additional Worktags	* Distribution Percent
+	-		Vanderbilt University Medical Center	CC03151 Vanderbilt Kennedy Center - AE Acad Research Admin	FD001 General Fund	OEAcad_RA Academic Department Research and Administration		CARTS: CTRIB Research - Internal Funding - Base Allocation Function Code: FC18018 Instruction and Departmental Research	100

100.00%

For more detailed information on Salary Over the Cap and PCAs, see **WDRG-300 Salary Over the Cap**

QUESTIONS?

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