

Introducing UCI's New Payment Plus Program: A Faster, More Efficient Way to Pay Suppliers

UC Irvine Procurement in collaboration with Accounts Payable is excited to announce the launch of **Payment Plus**, a new initiative that enhances our commercial card program in partnership with U.S. Bank. This program enables secure, automated Visa card payments to suppliers, streamlining our Procure-to-Pay process while offering significant benefits for both the university and our vendors.

Why Payment Plus?

Expanding our commercial card program supports UCI's strategic goal of improving efficiency and reducing costs in procurement and payment operations. By shifting supplier payments to Visa's Payment Plus solution, we can:

- **Reduce processing costs** by eliminating check payments
- **Enhance spend visibility** for better financial control
- **Improve supplier relationships** with faster, more predictable payments
- **Strengthen compliance and security** with automated payment controls

For suppliers, Payment Plus offers **accelerated payments, improved cash flow, and reduced administrative burden**, making it an attractive alternative to traditional check processing.

What's Changing?

While the process for purchase requisitions and invoices remains the same, the payment method will now be digital. Participating suppliers will receive an **automated email notification** with a one-time-use Visa card number for each transaction. This allows for quicker payment processing and reduces manual handling.

Additionally, as an added incentive, **UCI will update payment terms for participating suppliers to pay them upon invoice approval**, significantly expediting the payment timeline.

Are there any fees to our suppliers for receiving payment by Visa card payments instead of check?

The standard processing fees administered by the supplier's acquiring bank will apply. We encourage suppliers to review their merchant acquirer agreement and discuss ways to achieve the most favorable rates with their acquirer.

For more details, contact [Tanya Harris](#) or [Jennifer Chey](#).

Thank you for your support in making UCI's procure to pay process more efficient and supplier-friendly!