

Using Technology to Gain Insight into Your Graduate Students and Programs: *Leaders Share Best Practices*

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Cayuse Overview
- Illinois State & University of Northern Colorado Solution Overview
- Q&A with Illinois State & University of Northern Colorado

Illinois State & University of Northern Colorado

Panelists



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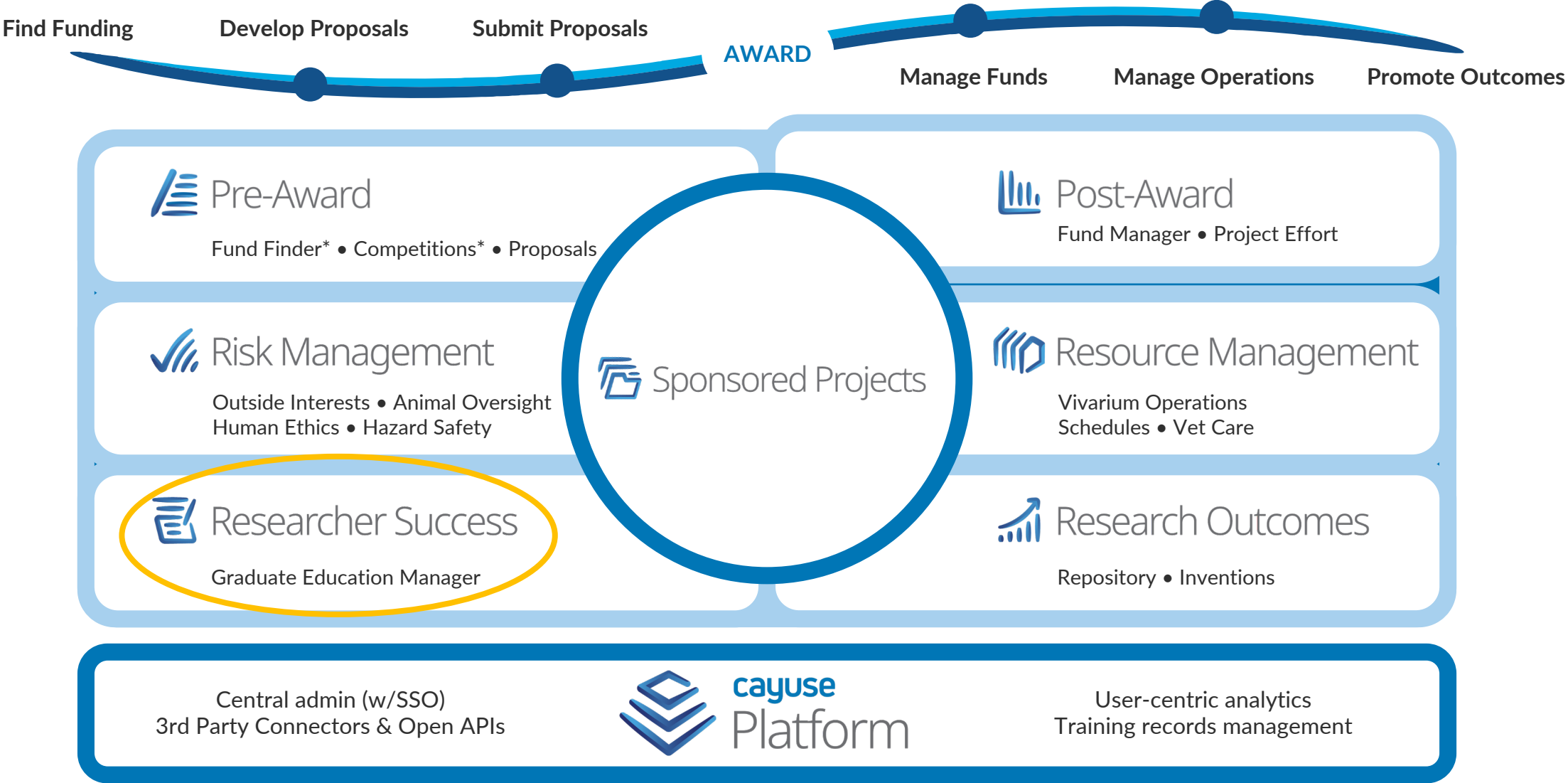


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Challenges with graduate program tracking today

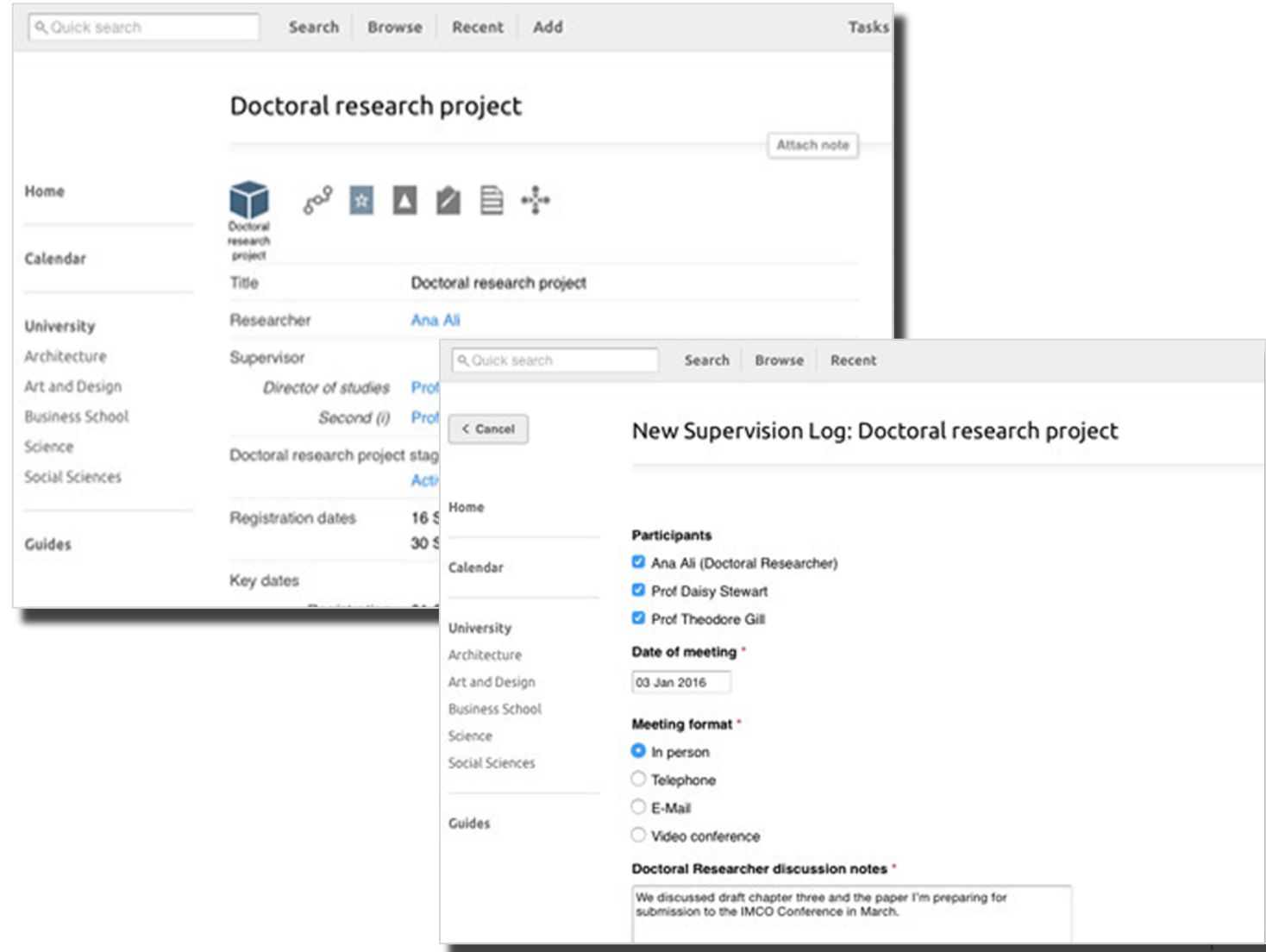
Most graduate programs lack central student and faculty resource management

1. Complex and unique paths for each student making it **difficult to track progress**
2. **Decentralized** approach to tracking activity, resources, data and information leads to student and faculty confusion
3. Lack of engagement in programs leads to **poor retention or drop out**

Graduate Education Manager

Better manage postgraduate programs, more easily structure program objectives and expectations

- Central hub for all student and supervisor interactions, integrated with your student records system
- Key information and related files and notes all in one place
- Rich, comprehensive profiles of your graduate students



The screenshot displays the 'Graduate Education Manager' interface. The main window shows a 'Doctoral research project' profile with fields for Title, Researcher (Ana Ali), Supervisor (Director of studies Prof. Second (i)), Doctoral research project stage, Registration dates (16 S, 30 S), and Key dates. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: Home, Calendar, University (Architecture, Art and Design, Business School, Science, Social Sciences), and Guides. A 'New Supervision Log: Doctoral research project' form is overlaid on the right, featuring a 'Participants' section with checkboxes for Ana Ali (Doctoral Researcher), Prof Daisy Stewart, and Prof Theodore Gill. The 'Date of meeting' is set to 03 Jan 2016. The 'Meeting format' section has radio buttons for In person (selected), Telephone, E-Mail, and Video conference. The 'Doctoral Researcher discussion notes' section contains a text area with the note: 'We discussed draft chapter three and the paper I'm preparing for submission to the IMCO Conference in March.'

Challenges Experienced

1. Limited to no data on retention and progress toward degree
2. No centralized system
 - Program grown excel sheets
 - Graduate coordinator turn-over
 - Faculty load on research committees
3. Thesis/Dissertation routing of forms and external committee members
 - Lack of electronic forms

Why Graduate Education Manager

1. Allow programs to retain individuality in program requirements, remove excel sheets
2. Allow Graduate School to collect data, address concerns earlier
3. Keep student files in one place, with time stamp
4. Communication between student and committee members, submission of forms
5. Easy platform to navigate

Gaining university buy-in

1. Utilized small group to provide feedback and ask questions over several months
2. Piloting GEM with 5-7 program during first year of implementation
3. Not replacing a system



Quick Facts:

- Established in 1857
- Public University
- 100+ graduate programs
- 2,700 graduate students
- Current Cayuse customer
- **Implementing GEM for late 2022 launch**



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Challenges Experienced

1. No centralized, accessible platform to monitor progress towards degree
2. Form-based process requiring constant coordination between programs
3. Managing communications between students, faculty, program coordinators, and the Graduate School

Why Graduate Education Manager

1. Integration with existing systems will allow single-point access for monitoring student progress towards degree, allowing for earlier intervention as challenges arise.
2. We have a vast array of diverse programs with unique documentation needs to assess progress towards degree. GEM provides a platform that allows for collecting all artifacts in a single place.
3. Ability to manage communications through the platform, including those with outside committee members, making existing forms obsolete.

Gaining university buy-in

1. Being new to UNC, the entire process was new to me. Understanding the diversity of platforms currently in use and the leaders in charge helped to negotiate the process.
2. Stakeholders from all levels of the institution needed to be at the table. Providing a strong justification focused on their areas was important to gaining support.



Quick Facts:

- Established in 1889
- Public University
- 113 graduate programs
- 3,000 graduate students
- New Cayuse Customer
- ***Implementing GEM & Repository for late 2022 launch***



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