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# Kuali OLE

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## Overview

The Kuali Foundation is a 501 c3 non-profit community of universities, colleges, businesses, and other organizations that have partnered to build and sustain open source software for higher education. The Kuali Open Library Environment (OLE) Project began in 2010 to build an enterprise level, service oriented library management system. It aims to provide open source software to manage and provide access to digital and analog items within institutional collections.

## Objectives/Problem To Be Solved

Kuali OLE intends to provide an enterprise level, library management system, built to integrate with campus and vendor systems in higher education, including campus identity management systems, financial and procurement systems, course management systems, repository systems, and vendor-supplied ordering systems, bibliographic utilities, and knowledgebases.

## Recent Activities

The Kuali OLE Project is currently completing a public release of 1.5.x. This 1.5 release version has been implemented in both Lehigh University and the University of Chicago. The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the Bloomsbury Library Consortium in London also plans to implement OLE in quarter one of 2015. Additionally, HTC Global Services has joined the Kuali OLE Project Partnership in August, 2014.

## Governance

The Kuali OLE Board consists of Deans, Library Directors, University Librarians, and other leaders – representatives from each of the project partners. The Board provides for the vision and resources that power the project. The Functional Council is responsible for guiding and developing the functional requirements of the software, and provides overall management of the project. The Technical Council advises the project on technology choices, data integrations, and local implementation issues. The Kuali OLE Project Team are full time project staff, and includes the project manager, business analyst, quality assurance manager, and project administrative staff. The project has retained and partnered with HTC Global Services, Inc. of Troy MI to provide developers, programmers, and project consultants. Together, these teams and partners determine the direction, execution, and implementation of Kuali OLE.

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## Members/Partners

The current members of the Kuali OLE Project include

- The Bloomsbury Library Management System Consortia (United Kingdom)
- Duke University
- HTC Global Services, Inc.
- Indiana University
- Kuali Foundation
- Lehigh University
- North Carolina State University
- University of Chicago
- University of Florida for the OLE Florida Partnership
- University of Maryland
- University of Pennsylvania
- Villanova University

## Funders/Funding Model

The Kuali OLE Project is made possible by generous support from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation, and matching contributions of the Kuali OLE founding partners.

## Next Steps / Planned Future Work

In the upcoming months, Kuali OLE has several goals and planned work:

- Kuali OLE version 1.5: This public release finalizes functionality and packaging; it is scheduled for Q3, 2014.
- Kuali OLE version 2.0: This release focuses on electronic resources management, fiscal year rollover, and improvements to all modules; it is scheduled for Q1, 2015
- Kuali OLE version 3.0: This release will include circulation enhancements and functionality to support consortia; the release date is to be determined.
- Global Open Knowledgebase (GOKb): a collaboration project between Kuali OLE, JISC, and JISC Collections will be available to the public in September 2014.