

Financial Services

FAST Statement of Operations Research Report

Statement of Operations Research Report



The **Statement of Operations Research Report** is a summary of detailed financial information for a single research project.

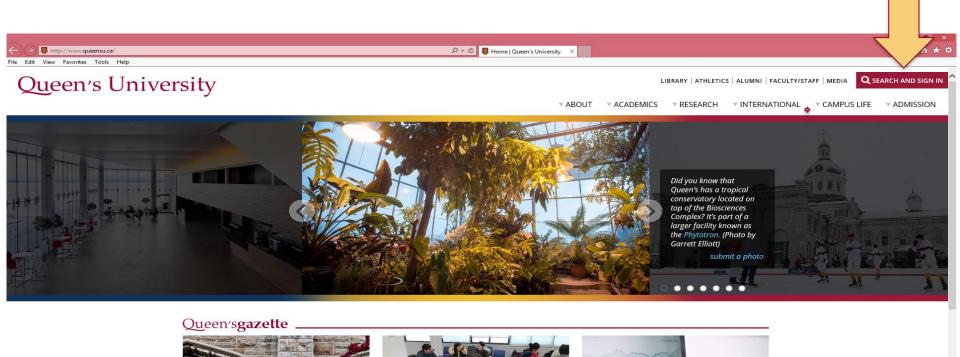
After reviewing this training material, you will learn how to:

- 1) Access and run the Statement of Operations Research Report;
- 2) Understand the layout of the report and interpret your results; and
- 3) Perform the monthly reconciliation process.

Generating a Report



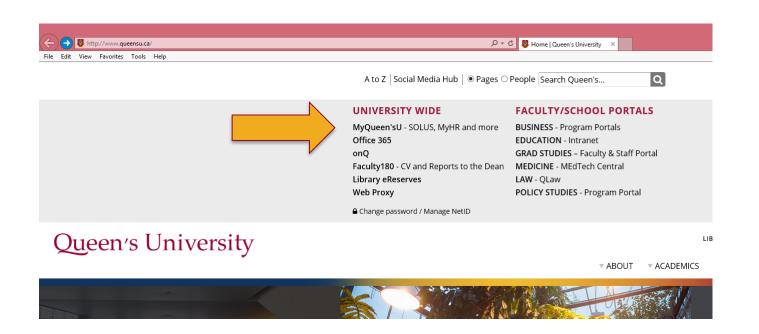
To generate a report, begin on the Queen's University Home Page by clicking on the **Search and Sign In** button.



Report Navigation

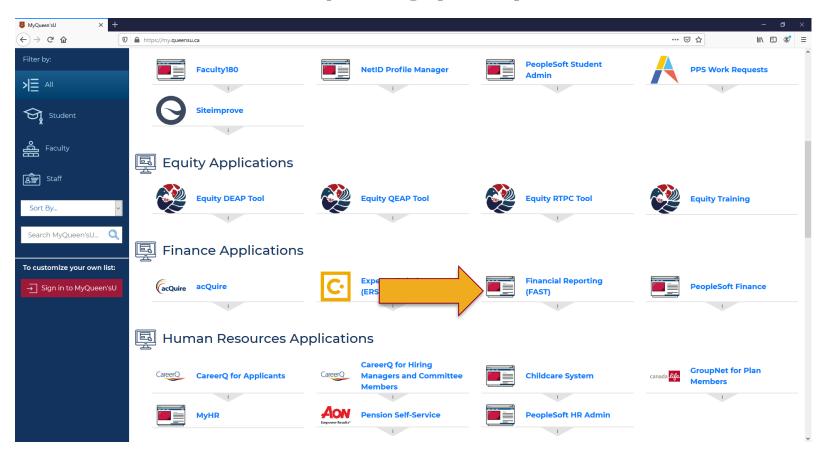


To navigate to a report, click **MyQueen'sU – SOLUS, MyHR and more**.



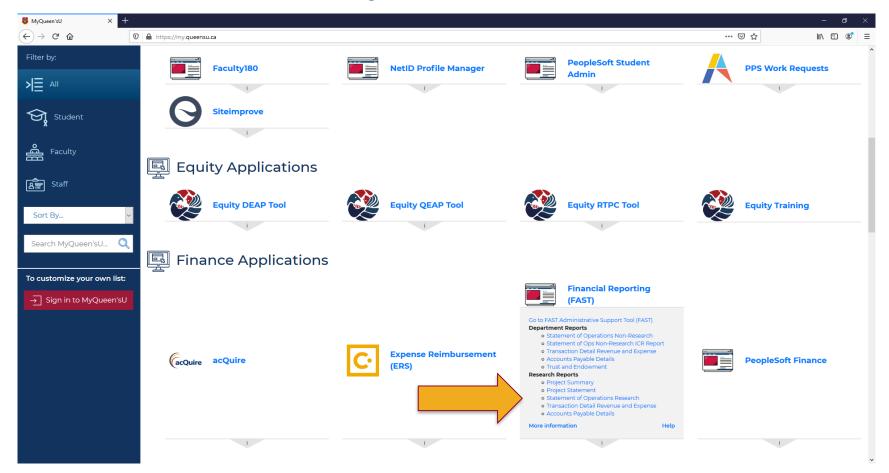


Click on the **Financial Reporting (FAST)** link:



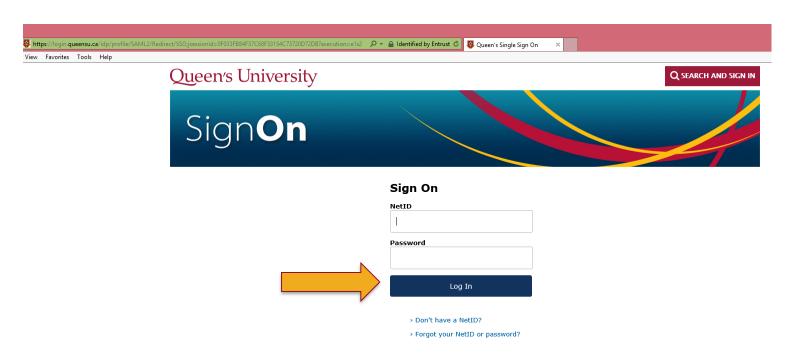


Click on the **Statement of Operations Research** link:



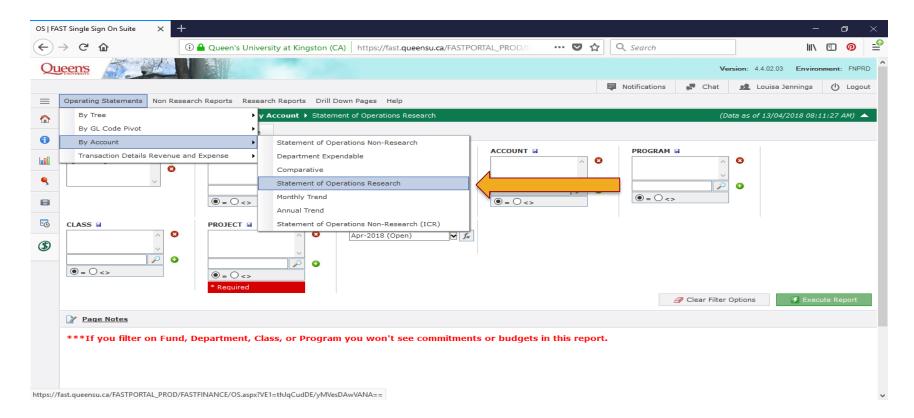


Next, log in with your Queen's **NetID** and **Password**.





You may also access the **Statement of Operations Research** report within FAST by choosing **Operating Statements** By Tree/By GL Code Pivot/By Account Statement of Operations Research.





There are 3 ways the Statement of Operations Research report can be generated:

By Tree – this statement will be summarized by category, rather than by individual General Ledger Accounts.

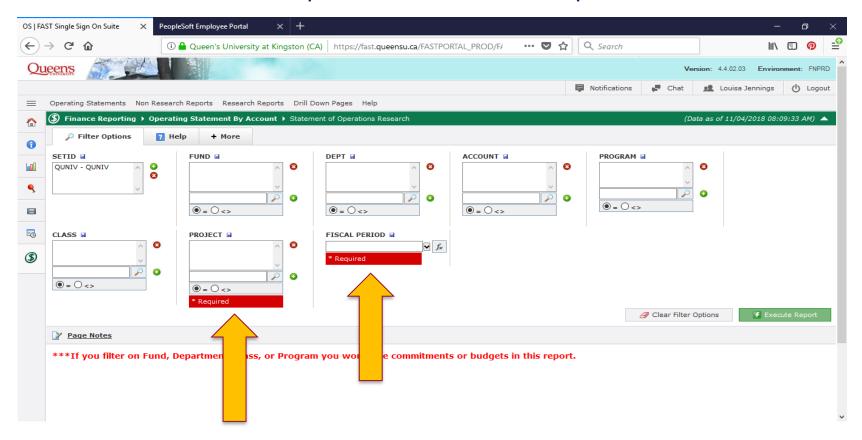
By GL Code Pivot – allows the user to generate the statement summarized by the ChartField of the user's choosing (e.g. by Program then by Account).

By Account – this statement summarizes transactions by General Ledger Account.

Filter Options Screen



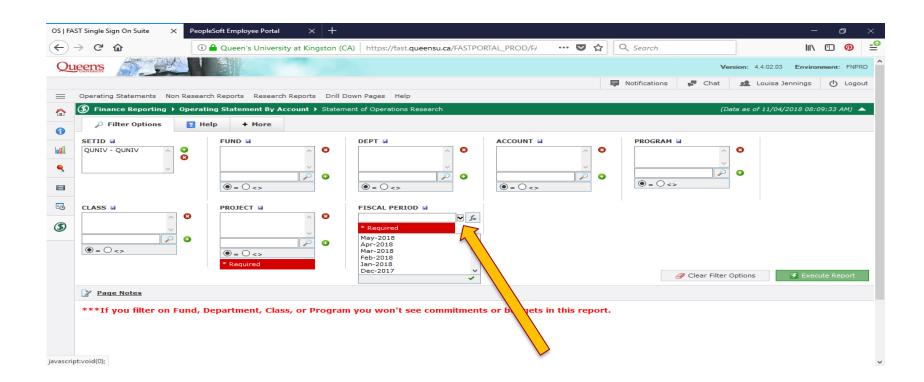
Both the **Project** and **Fiscal Period** filters are required in order to run a Statement of Operations Research Report.



Fiscal Period



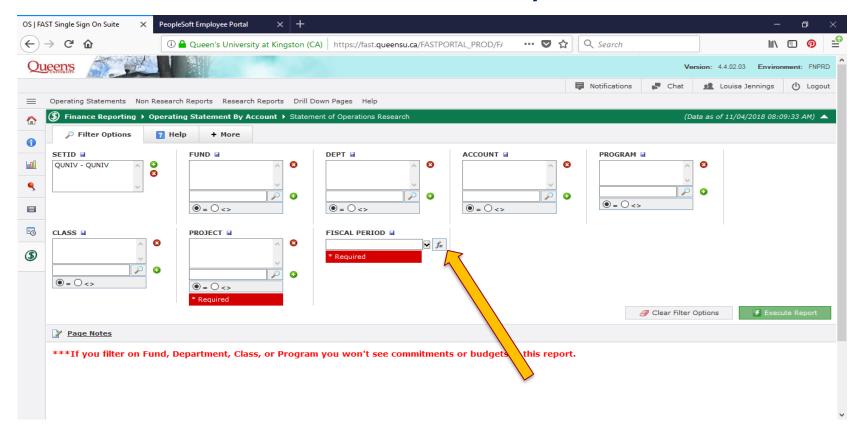
To select a date, click on the **Fiscal Period** drop-down menu and select a specific month and year.



Fiscal Period Cont'd



You may also click on the **Function** button and select a specific date criteria such as **Current Fiscal Year/Current Period**.



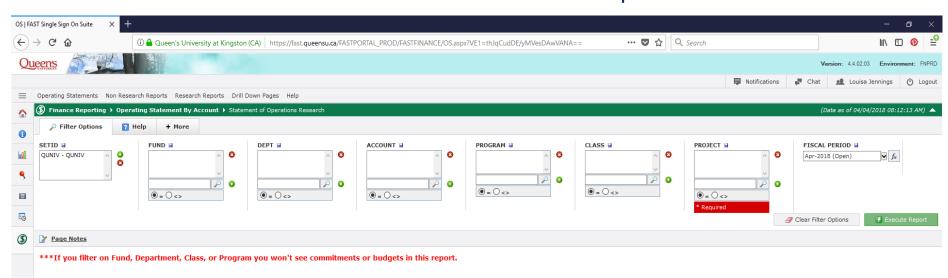
Filter Options Screen



You can filter your report results by **Fund**, **Department**, **Account**, **Program**, **Class**, **Project** and **Fiscal Period**.

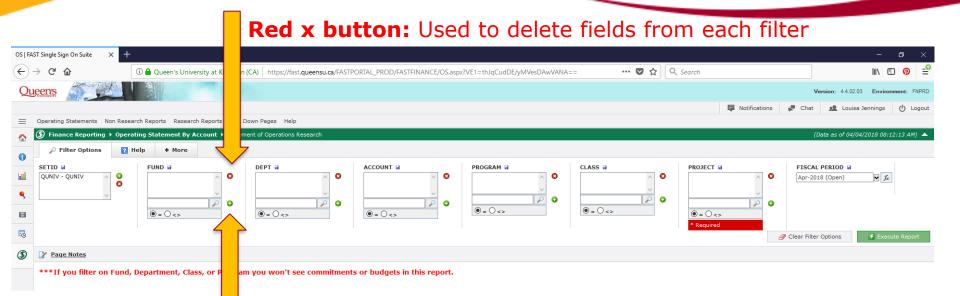
It is recommended that you <u>only</u> filter by **Project** if you wish to see <u>all</u> activity for the Project.

• If you filter based upon **Fund**, **Department**, **Class** or **Program**, the budget and commitments <u>will not</u> appear in your report. This is because budgets and commitments are not loaded at this level in PeopleSoft Finance.



Filter Screen Buttons

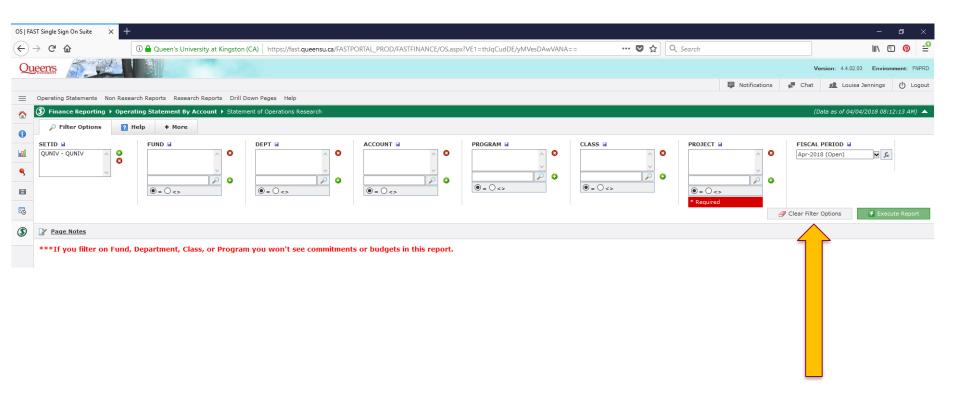




Green + button: Used to add multiple fields to each filter

Clear Filter Options





All filters can be cleared at once simply by clicking on the **Clear Filter Options** button.

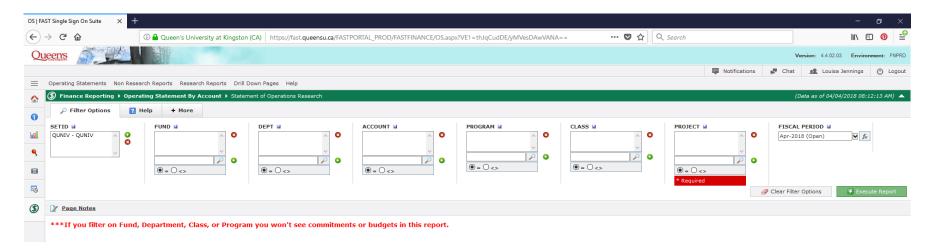
Multiple Filter Values



Multiple filters for fields such as Program can be added in a range by using a **colon**. For example, entering **10000:19999** in the Program field will return transactions with a Program beginning with 1.

The **percentage sign** can be used as a **wildcard**. For example, entering **4%** in the Program field will return transactions with a related Program beginning with 4.

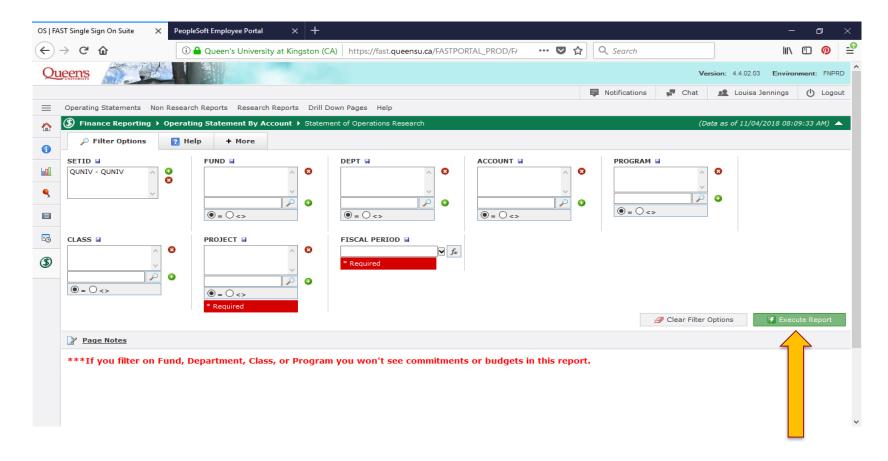
Non-consecutive values can also be inputted individually by using the **green + button**.



Executing the Report



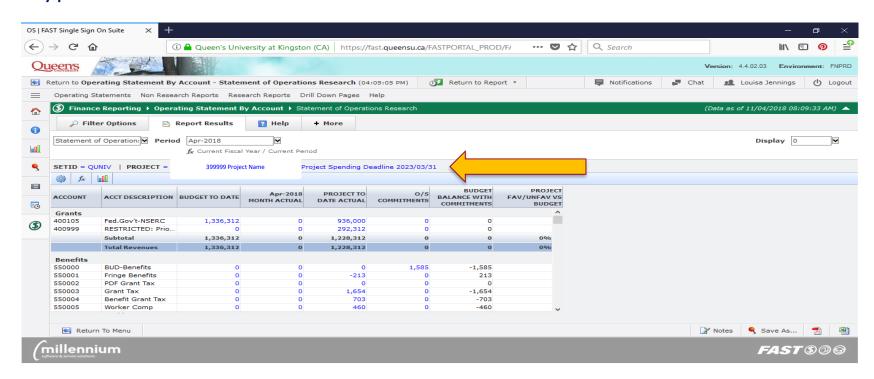
Once you are satisfied with the filters you have selected, click the green **Execute Report** button to generate a report.



Filter Trail



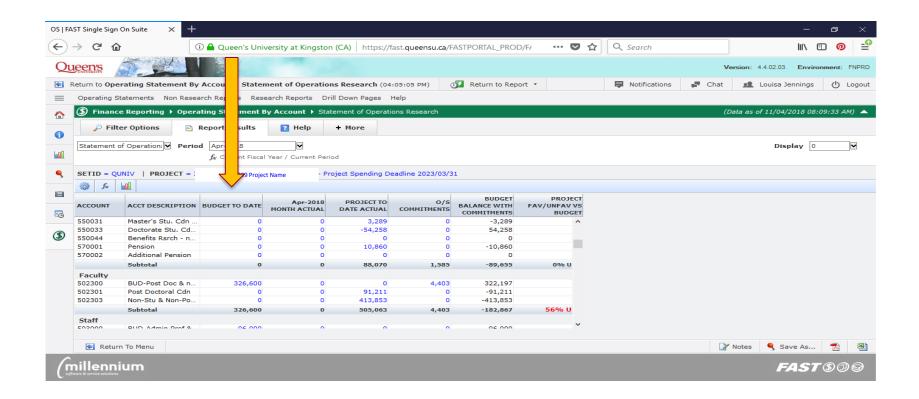
Once the report is generated, you will notice the **filter trail** displays the **project number**, **project name** and the **project spending deadline**. To return to the filter options screen, simply click on the hyperlinked filter trail.



Budget To Date Column



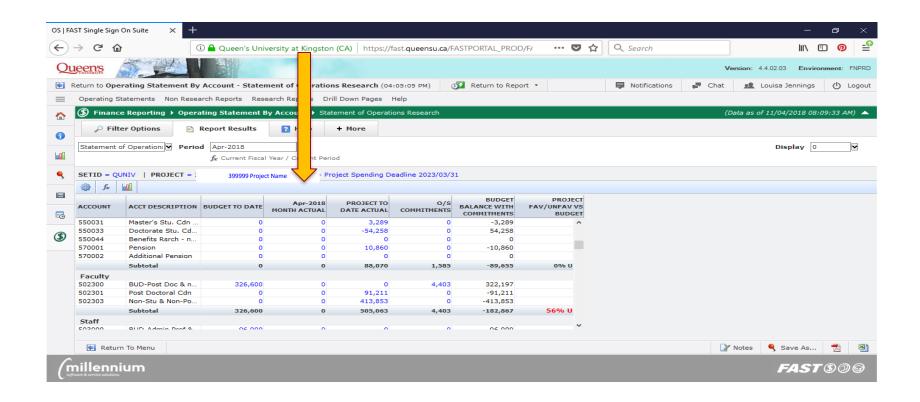
The **Budget To Date** column represents the total budget posted to the project from project inception to the period specified.



Month Actual Column



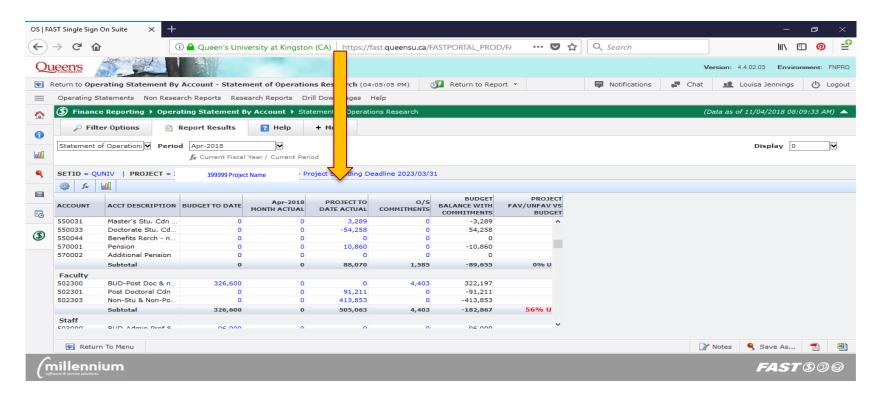
The **Month Actual** column represents the revenue and expense activity for the month selected in the date criteria.



Project To Date Actual Column



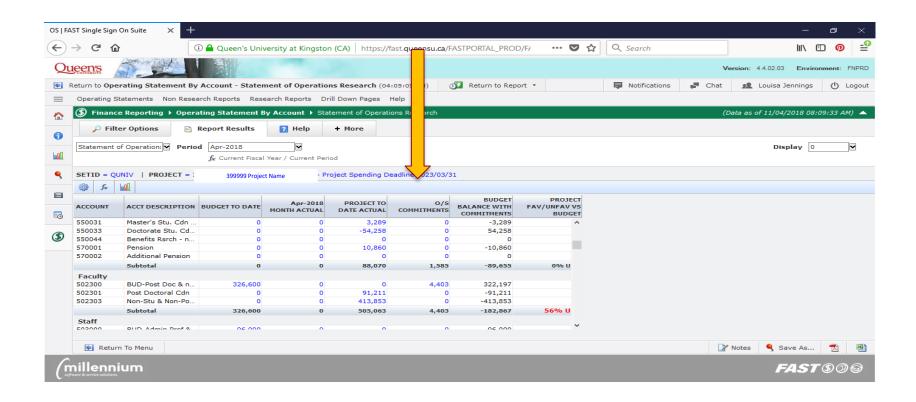
The **Project To Date Actual** column represents revenue and expense activity from project inception to the selected date criteria.



O/S Commitments Column



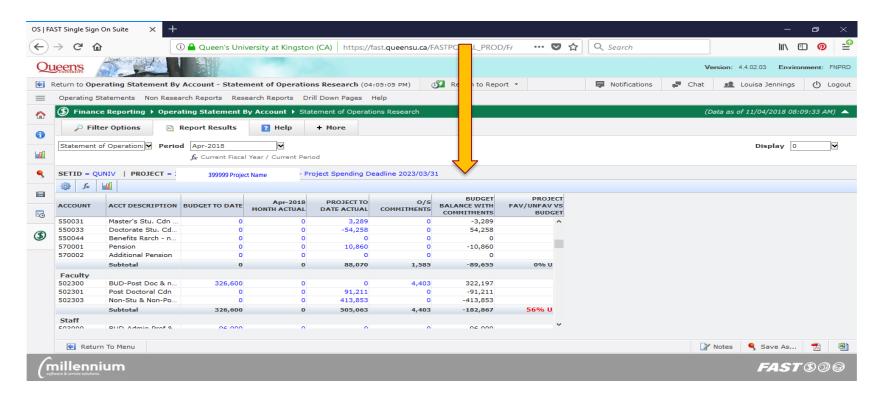
The **O/S Commitments** column represents the total commitments outstanding for the project.



Budget Balance With Commitments Column



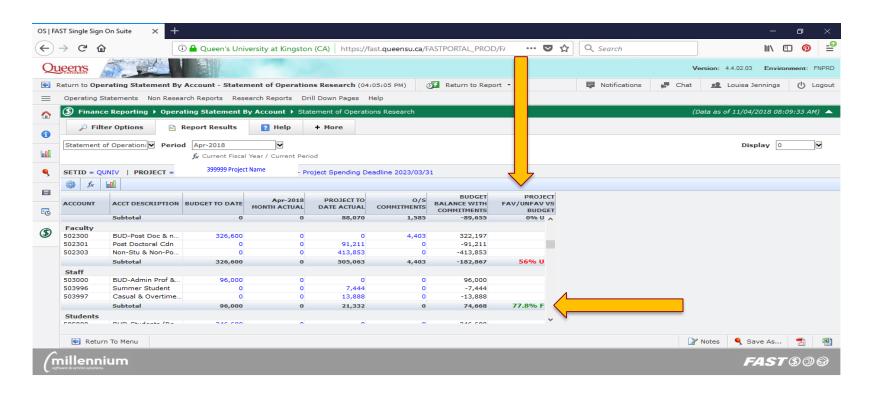
The **Budget Balance With Commitments** column represents the budget to date minus project to date actuals and outstanding commitments, based on the selected date criteria.



Project Fav/Unfav vs. Budget Column



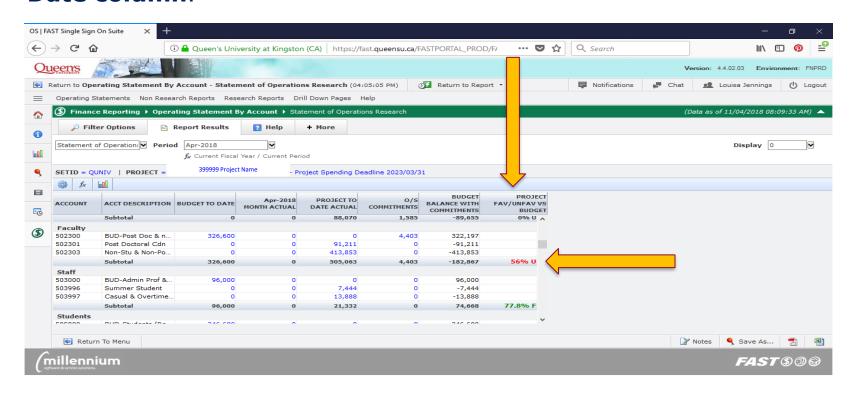
The **Project Favourable/Unfavourable vs. Budget** column represents the percentage under or over budget for each revenue and expense category. You will see an **F** for **Favorable** if expenses are within budget or revenues exceed the budget.



Project Fav/Unfav vs. Budget Column Cont'd



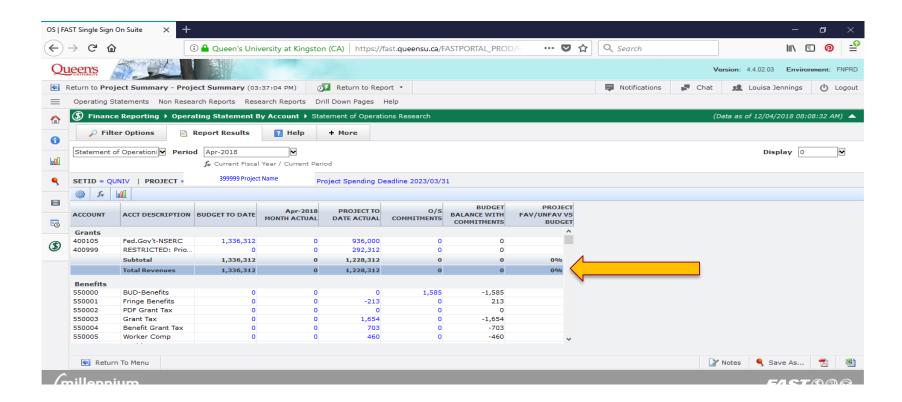
You will see a **U** for **Unfavorable** if expenses exceed budget or revenue is less than budget. This is calculated by **dividing the Budget Balance with Commitments column by the Budget to Date column**.



Total Revenues



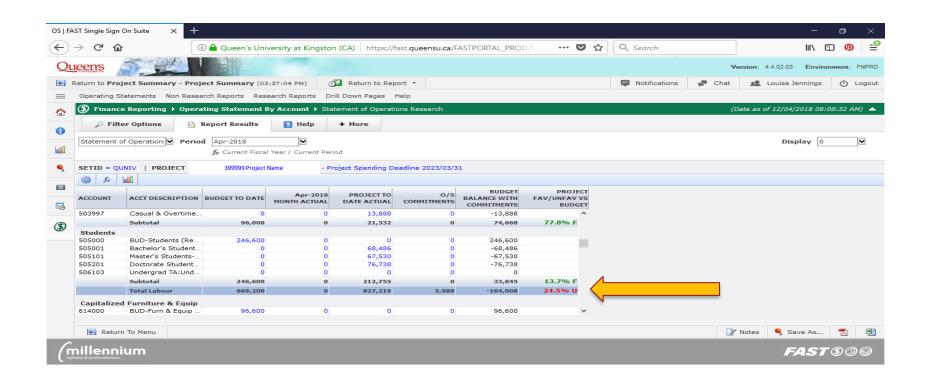
The **Total Revenues** row reports the sum of actuals and budget activity for revenues.



Total Labour



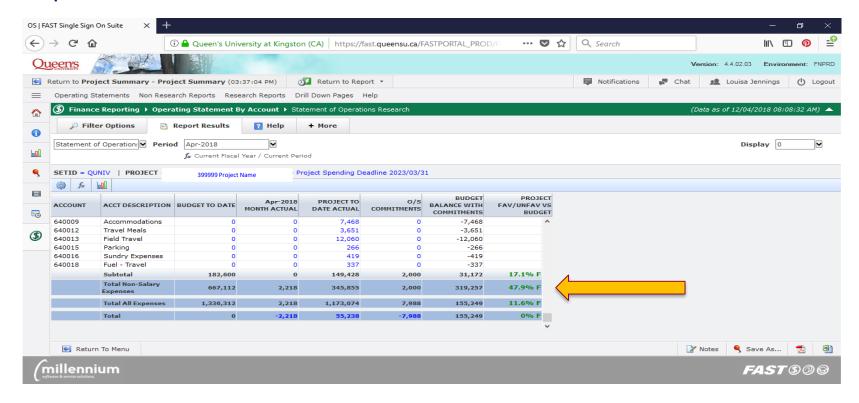
The **Total Labour** row reports the sum of all actuals, commitments, and budget activity for all salary and benefit expenses.



Total Non-Salary Expenses



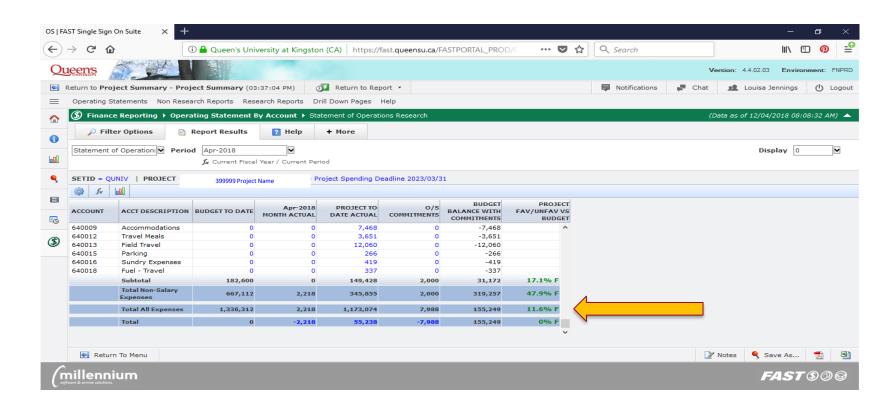
The **Total Non-Salary Expenses** row reports the sum of all actuals, commitments and budget activity for all non-salary expenses.



Total All Expenses



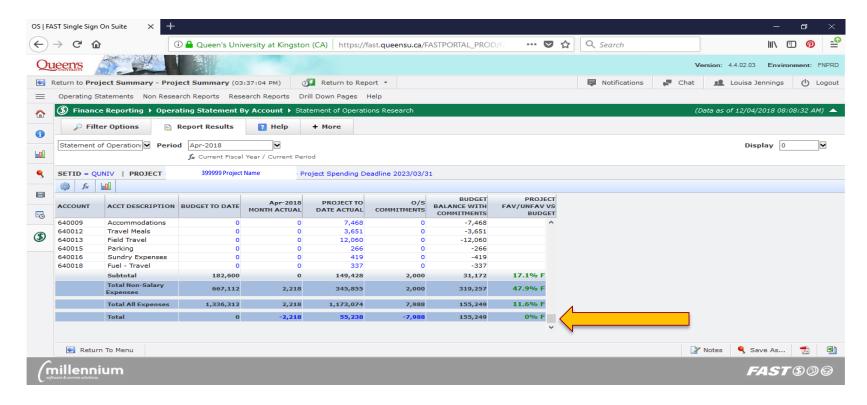
The **Total All Expenses** row reports the sum of all actuals, commitments and budget activity for all expenses.



Total



The **Total** row reports the net of all revenue and expense activity. You can drill down on any blue hyperlinked value to view additional transactions that support these figures.



Important Tips to Remember



Financial data is updated nightly, and is therefore **24 hours old** at most.

When viewing your available balance, it is a good idea to consider which monthly transactions **have not yet been posted to the General Ledger**. Examples may include telephone or courier expenses, P-Card transactions, the monthly payroll & benefit distribution and related commitment adjustments.

To access the **Availability of Financial Information during the Month** reference document, visit the **Researchers** tab on the **Financial Services** website.

Important Tips to Remember Cont'd



If running a report for the purpose of performing a reconciliation, it is important to note:

- Month-end will not officially close until the 3rd business day of the new calendar month
- On the 4th business day, some final edit processes are conducted (e.g. research overhead)

Therefore it is a good idea to wait until the **5**th **business day** of the new calendar month to run your report.

Reconciling Your Report



Reconciling your Statement of Operations Research report is an essential step in monitoring the activity posted to your project. The reconciliation process ensures that:

- ✓ All transactions posted to your project have been accounted for
- ✓ Identifies any incorrectly coded transactions
- ✓ Brings any outstanding items, which are not yet posted, to your attention

Best Practices for Reconciling



In order to reconcile your report:

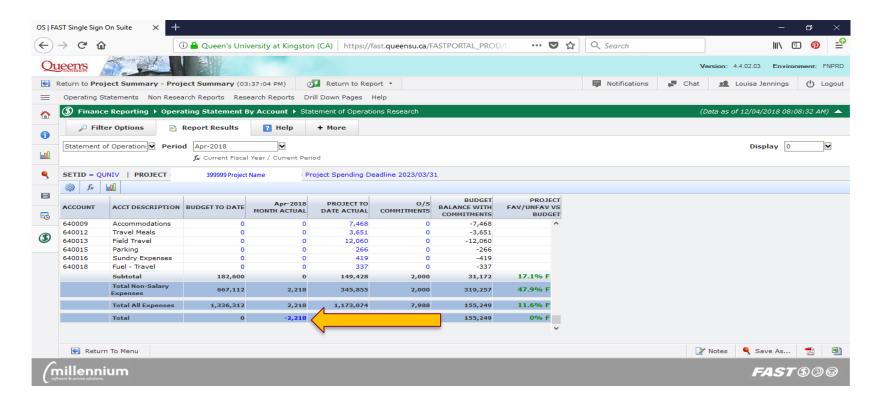
- Run a Statement of Operations Research Report on a monthly basis
- 2) Export the data to Excel
- 3) Match each transaction to your records or source documents

Important Reminder: Remember to run your report for a closed period by specifying the project and fiscal period.

How to Reconcile Your Report



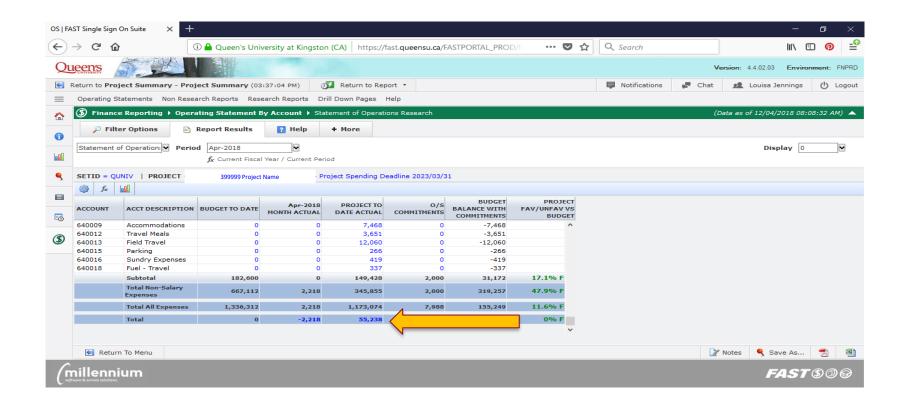
Once the report has been executed, scroll down to the bottom of your report to view the totals. Next, click on the hyperlinked value in the **Month Actual** column on the **Total** row to view all transaction details for that month.



How to Reconcile Your Report Cont'd



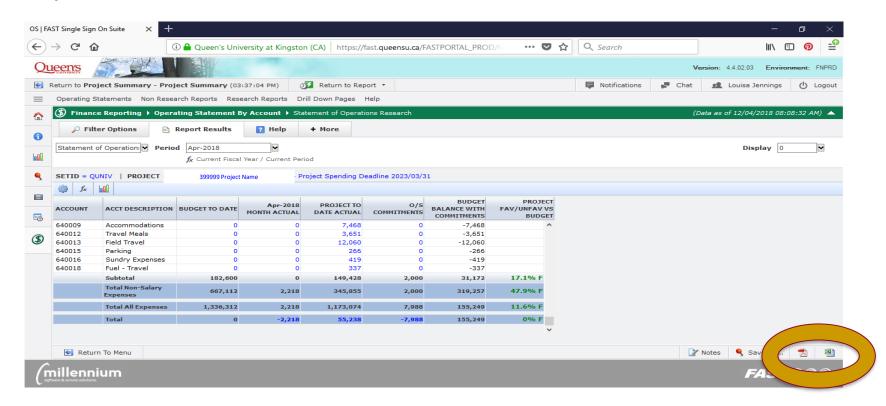
To reconcile transactions for more than one month, click on the hyperlinked value in the **Project To Date Actual** column to view all transaction details from project inception to date.



How to Reconcile Your Report Cont'd



The report may be downloaded into an **Excel** or **PDF** document. To do so, click one of the icons on the bottom right corner of the report.



How to Reconcile Your Report Cont'd



Next, begin matching each transaction to your records or source documents. You can drill down on the hyperlinked Journal IDs to view further details.

