

# UNDERSTAND YOUR ROI: AXIOM BUDGETING & FORECASTING AND AXIOM LONG-RANGE PLANNING

How Axiom solutions reduce time creating budgets and managing staffing plans while lowering salary expenses

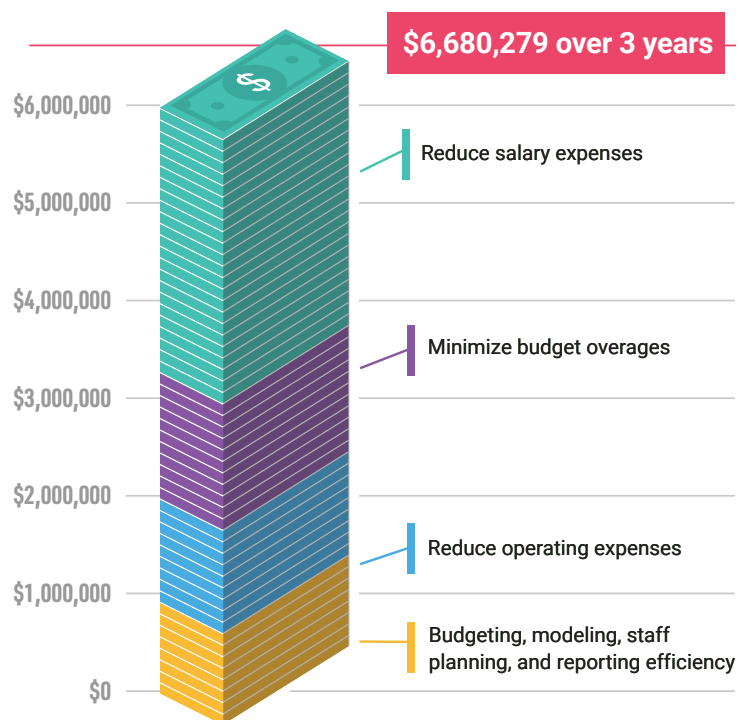
To deliver a quick and demonstrable return on investment (ROI), budgeting and forecasting and financial planning tools must adapt to a higher education institution's unique needs while delivering best-in-class features and performance.

Hobson & Company, a third-party research organization focused on total cost of ownership and ROI studies, conducted in-depth interviews with higher education institutions and found that Syntellis' Axiom™ Budgeting & Forecasting and Axiom™ Long-Range Planning solutions

delivered significant efficiency improvements in budgeting, reporting, and scenario modeling while reducing staffing costs and operating expenses.

By using Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting and Axiom Long-Range Planning, a typical higher education institution with \$1 billion in annual revenue, \$1 billion in operating expenses, and compensation expenses of \$667 million would see a **payback in 4.3 months** and **generate an ROI of 438%** over three years.

## Monetary benefits of Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting and Long-Range Planning to a typical higher education institution



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Using Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting and Axiom Long-Range Planning, users can improve budgeting, reporting, and scenario modeling efficiency and reduce salary and operating expenses.

### 50% Less time creating budgets

Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting users report that the integration with HR, student, and GL systems, built-in workflow capabilities, and role-based security reduce the time they spend collecting data and completing budgets.

***"The data is compiled instantaneously. We can pull last year's budget, make changes, run a process and the budget is created automatically. We now have approval workflows in a central location."***

*- Financial Systems Director, 4-year public university*

### 40% Less time creating and distributing financial reports

Axiom users save time with automated report creation and drill-down features that easily show transaction-level detail. Because Axiom pulls data from the ERP, users have a one-stop shop for all financial data.

***"The data we pull from the system is accurate, which is a big-time savings. We are confident in the data because it is being pulled directly from our ERP, our 'system of record.'"***

*- Budget Manager, community college*

### 0.5% Fewer salary expenses

Axiom™ Labor Planning empowers users with sophisticated salary and benefits evaluation tools that leverage their institution's human resources and payroll data; handle multiple fringe benefit rates and funding sources; and evaluate employee mix, shared and pooled positions, and vacancy reallocations.

***"Axiom allows us to identify which departments have too many staff or too few, enabling us to reduce overall administrative FTEs by 4%-5%."***

*- CFO, large private university*

### 0.25% Lower operating expenses

Axiom Long-Range Planning users say they can easily model multiple scenarios and develop mid- and long-term financial plans that align with strategic goals. Dashboards show the impact of external factors so stakeholders can make informed decisions that result in new/improved revenue streams and better allocation of financial resources.

***"We avoided millions in costs by modeling different scenarios in Axiom."***

*-Director of Budget Services, private research university*

## Increase efficiencies and reduce expenses with Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting and Long-Range Planning



**Save time.** Shorten budget cycles, automate financial reporting, see a holistic view of financial data, and plan for the future despite changing internal and external drivers.



**Staff appropriately.** Understand how labor resources and adjustments to benefit rates impact the budget. View vacancies to plan future hires and leverage unused salaries for other employee-related expenses.



**Inform decisions.** Model effects of changing internal assumptions — such as current enrollment and projected growth — and external factors, such as wage inflation and interest rates. Mix-and-match assumptions and initiatives to compare different scenarios.

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