

CIS Portal Upgrade and Redesign

The CIS Portal was first introduced in its current design in 2003 and has remained relatively unchanged since then. For several years UIT has wanted to redesign the CIS Portal to address the following concerns:

- It is difficult to use because it is visually cluttered and contains many redundant resources.
- It is not “smart,” which means users see many links that are not applicable to their campus roles or for systems that they are not authorized to access.
- It is not easy for users to personalize with the links and information that they use most.
- It is not responsive to smaller devices, such as phones, tablets, or even small laptops.

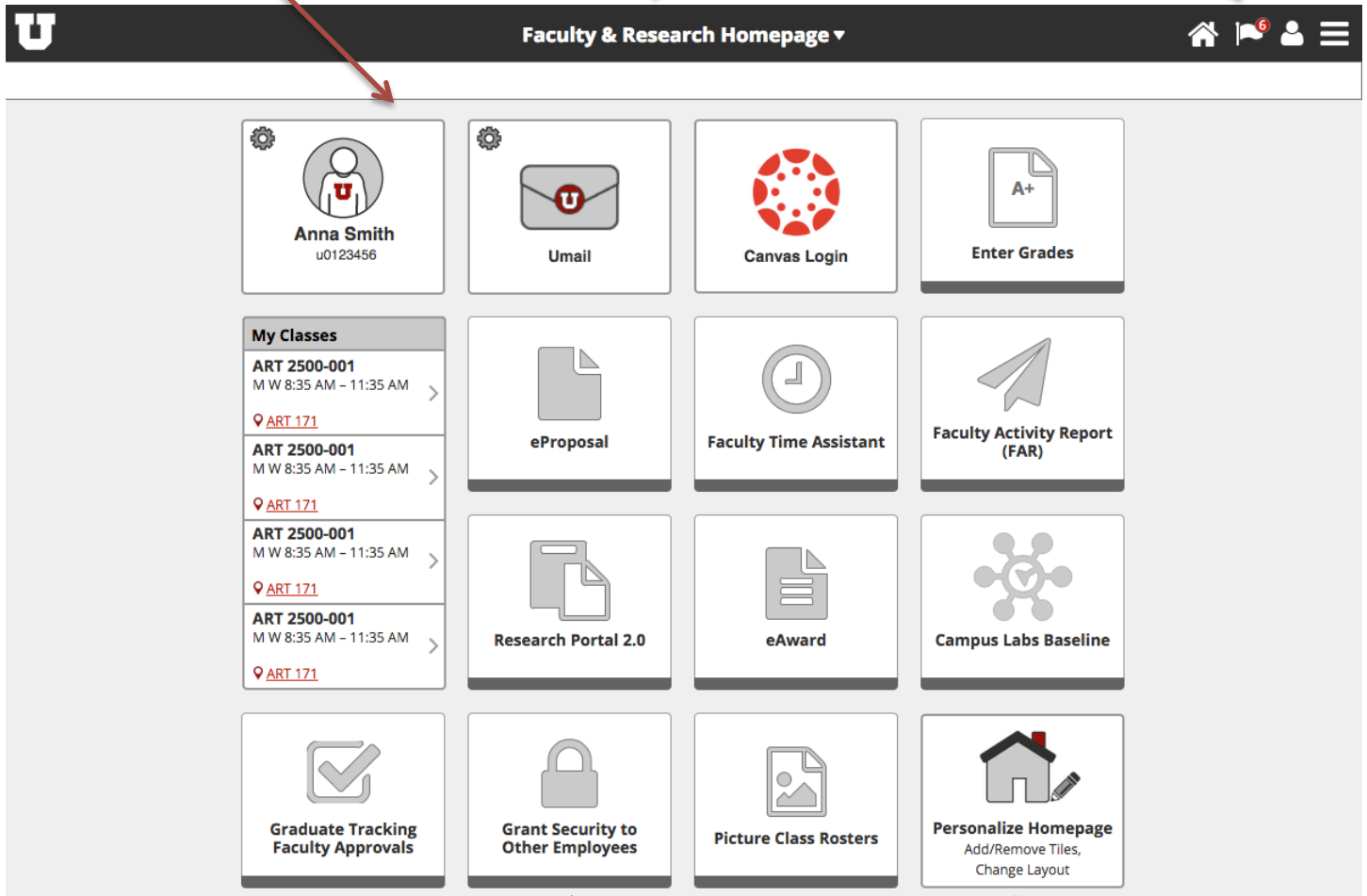
In the last two years, Oracle has addressed many of these same concerns in their Portal software. UIT has spent the last six months evaluating these offerings and how to redesign the CIS Portal to fit the new PeopleSoft architecture. As part of this project, UIT has been working with many University stakeholders to introduce the new look and feel to get feedback to support a June 2017 rollout. We have also spent nine months analyzing the user patterns in the current CIS Portal to get data to inform the organization and placement of resources in the new design to ensure that the most used links are easy to find.

In the new CIS Portal, we will create homepages with resources that are dedicated to user roles, functional areas, and common themes. The following screen illustrates a homepage that provide access to applications that are used exclusively by faculty and principal investigators.

Homepages dedicated to campus roles

Resources arranged by
frequency of use

Messages and announcements
in a common location



Links replaced with touch
friendly, iconized tiles

Access to tools to create new
homepages and add and
reposition tiles