



# Two Staff, 200+ Awards: Rice University's Scalable Model for Campus-Wide Efficiency

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## The Challenge

When Rice University launched an ambitious ten-year strategic plan, the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (VPAA) faced a pivotal challenge: faculty awards and recognitions were being managed through fragmented processes—email threads, Box folders, and manual tracking that made reporting nearly impossible. As Faculty Lifecycle Manager Devon Jones explained, the administrative burden had become “a complete nightmare” when trying to find past applicants, materials, or nomination histories.

## The Solution

Rice needed a platform that could scale with its growing ambitions, reduce friction for faculty and academic leaders, and unify processes across campus. InfoReady became the foundation for that transformation.

## The Results

With only two staff members managing 200+ external awards annually, Rice now uses InfoReady to standardize internal Provost-level awards, streamline multi-step reviews, automate proxy submissions, and generate reliable data for leadership reports. Reviewers—especially deans—praise the clarity of seeing past and current reviews in one place, while committees benefit from equitable, consistent materials thanks to uniform templates and workflows.

InfoReady's flexibility has allowed Rice to expand far beyond awards, supporting bridge funding, scholarships, HR forms, progress reporting, and even campus-wide implementation planning.

***“Previously, awards were all over the place... It worked, but just barely. And the administrative burden was massive. So that's where InfoReady fit beautifully.”***



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