This how-to sheet outlines the steps required to:

- Request FINANCIAL APPROVAL access to a funding source (e.g. 100000-498-1300) for yourself.

Why would you request FINANCIAL APPROVAL access?

- You would only request FINANCIAL APPROVAL access to a funding source for yourself if you are in the position to approve transactions initiated by other employees in financial systems (i.e. FAST, Banner, Travel and Expense, eShop).
- If you are not requesting ‘approval’ access, refer to how-to sheet #3.

**STEPS**

1. Once you have accessed FAAM, click on the ‘Request Access’ link.
2. Select the funding source to which you are requesting FINANCIAL APPROVAL access. The funding source is represented by a short code called an index.

**How is the index short code determined?**
- Departmental indexes are made up “D” + ORGN (e.g. D016 – French)
- Ancillary Indexes are made up “A” + ORGN (e.g. A640 – Parking)
- Research and other internally restricted indexes are equal to the FUND (e.g. 555555)

There are two ways to ‘Select the Index’. You can either type an index directly into the field (i.e. D498 in this example) OR you can click on the magnifying glass (and then the ‘Search’ button in the window that opens) to see a complete list of indexes.

3. a. Click on the ‘Yes’ radio button for “Financial Approval Authority” (formerly known as ‘Signing Authority’) and

   b. Choose an ‘Effective Date’ based on when access is required and

   c. Click on the ‘Submit’ button
4. a. Read the ‘Terms and Conditions’ window that opens up.
   
   **Note:** It is important that you understand what you are agreeing to be accountable for. You can refer to the Approval and Delegation of Authority Policy to find out who can act as a financial approver.

   If you are a researcher, contact your fund administrator with any questions. If you are not a researcher, email questions to financial.services@carleton.ca.

   b. Click on the ‘I Agree’ button.

**Good News!** When requesting FINANCIAL APPROVAL access, you can ignore remaining fields (i.e. those not covered by this how-to sheet).

**What Next?** FAAM will route your request to the funding source owner for review and approval. You will receive an email notification with further details once the request has been approved or declined.