Using Campus Resources to Find Funding Opportunities

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Proposal Consultation

- Understand the structure of the solicitation

- Identify key information
  - Formatting requirements
  - Award amount and range
  - Duration of award
  - Required sections of the technical narrative

- Develop a checklist
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Budget Preparation and Subcontracts

- Verify budget restrictions from the solicitation
- Prepare budget
- Prepare justification

- Contact partnering institutions
- Obtain information and required documents
- Prepare budget with subcontract details
- Prepare justification
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Editing and Graphics

- Help improve clarity, flow, and style; proofreading to achieve a grammatically correct and professionally polished document
- Assures that the proposal adheres to formatting requirements
- Develop graphics (charts, images, diagrams) for the proposal
- Offer general tips for appropriate graphics
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Help with submission

- Coordinate with the home department
- Goldsheet/Cardinal sheet routing
- Assistance with non-technical documents
- Final submission
Using Campus Resources to Find Research Funding

• Develop keywords to obtain optimal results
• Identify campus and other resources available
• Learn to search:
  • Pivot
  • Grant Forward
  • Foundation Directory Online Professional
• Learn to use resources strategically
Using the Resources Strategically

• Funding alerts – using databases and websites

• Saved searches

• Track opportunities – using databases, spreadsheets, calendars
Developing Keywords

• Start with research interests
• Frame your research as others outside of your field
• Narrow or broaden – implications of your research
• Funding for specific situations
  ✓ CAREER Awards, New Investigator, Early Career
  ✓ Equipment or Capital funding
Developing Keywords

- Funding for specific situations
  - Course and curriculum development
  - Fellowship programs
  - Educational or outreach programs
  - Center grants
- Do not try to put everything into one search
Use all the resources available to you

- pivot
- FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE
- grantforward
- NIH
- USDA
- NSF
Use all the resources available to you

- Grants.gov and FedBizOpps.gov

- Library (Course Guides – Research), College, and Departmental Resources

- Use other researchers’ C.V.s
Agency email alerts

Go to NSF.gov – click Funding

Get NSF funding information by email or by RSS.
Finding Funding

The ISU Foundation offers a variety of opportunities to assist faculty with finding funding to support campus projects and research.

Upcoming Opportunities
A cross-section of opportunities that may be applicable to various units that have approaching deadlines.

Early Career Opportunities
A running list of programs for non-tenured faculty.

Fund ISU
A crowdfunding platform that promotes Iowa State's mission to create, share and apply knowledge to make Iowa and the world a better place.

Contacting Donors

If you would like to contact a funder, please first talk with one of our team members to coordinate the approach. A few of the benefits of talking with us before contacting the funder include:
Excellent resource for information on U.S. foundations, corporate giving programs, and grant making public charities.
For best results use “view index”

Fields of Interest

- Abortion (16)
- Abstinence-only sex education (3)
- Abuse prevention (1626)
- Academic libraries (38)
- Academics (42428)
- Activists (29)
- Adaptive sports (132)
- Addiction services (846)
- Adolescent parenting (49)
- Adolescent parents (10)
- Adolescents (6251)
- Adoption (278)
- Adult and child mentoring (301)
- Adult day care (74)
- Adult education (1077)
- Adult literacy (161)
- Adult numeracy (3)
- Adult peer mentoring (1)

Search Grantmakers

- Fields of Interest
  - "Sustainable agriculture"

Geographic Focus

Grantmaker Location

- More location options
  - e.g. country, state/province, county, city, metro area,

Grantmaker Name

Keyword Search
To reduce the number of opportunities either Modify your search or use Filters

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First check Limitations, Eligibility, Purpose and Program Activities
Funding search “for (federal-, state-, foundation- and institution-sponsored research) across all fields, including the sciences, humanities, and arts”
Use filters to reduce results, sort by due date, add to Favorites
Pivot Homepage – organize your opps
Funding Tab – Use Advanced Search

From Cloud Computing to Urban Farming: Pivot Adds Keywords

Research fields are continuously growing and evolving. To keep pace, Pivot periodically adds new terms to fit emerging fields of interest to our customers. Our most recent additions cover disciplines within the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the arts, and include keywords such as Nosocomial Infections, STEM Education, Clean Technology, Carbon Sequestration, Organized Crime, Energy Industry, Synthetic Biology, Sustainable Design, Human Trafficking, Electronic Health Records, Green Buildings, Cloud Computing, and Urban Farming.
Results – Use Filters and Sort

Search Funding Results

Your Search: (STEM AND Education) AND (Activity Location=(Iowa or Unrestricted)) OR (Activity Location Sub-entity=(Iowa)) OR (Activity Location Super-entity=(Iowa)) AND (Sponsor Type=(Federal, U.S.))

Advanced Search  Save Search  Refine Search

86 Results  Sort ▼

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Links to Funding Databases

Grants Hub website: grantshub.iastate.edu

USEFUL LINKS

PIVOT

Pivot
This is an online searchable database that can help researchers identify funding opportunities. Researchers can also use Pivot to identify potential collaborators within and outside of their organization. For information on getting started with Pivot, click here.

Pivot YouTube Tutorials
The Pivot YouTube channel includes a series of videos to help users navigate the online database. These videos are a useful supplement to the Pivot Quick Start Guide.
Good luck searching
And remember, the real information is always on the funder’s website!
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