Finding Funding – Search Tools and How to Use Them

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This workshop will be a “how-to” session that will provide:

- an introduction to tools provided on the UNH Research website, by sponsors, and on other websites
- strategies for managing and optimizing funding opportunity searches
Types of Funding

- All types of scholarly activities
  (Ex: research; teaching; creative endeavors; outreach)

- Student support
  (Ex: undergrad; grad; postdoc; interns)

- Infrastructure improvement
  (Ex: buildings; equipment; technology)

- Personal professional development
  (Ex: publication; conferences; sabbatical)
Types of Awards

Collaborative Projects
Computer Infrastructure / Networks
Conference - Attend
Conference – Host / Conduct
Curriculum Development
Demonstration/Evaluation
Development - Program
Exchange Programs
Fellowships
Fulbright Programs
General Operating Funds
General Project
Information Dissemination
Outreach

Planning Grants
Prizes/Awards
Projects Outside the US
Public Awareness / Education
Publication
Research Grants / R & D
Sabbatical
Seed Money / Start-Up Funds
Service Delivery
Summer
Technical Assistance
Training / Profess. Dvlpmnt.
Travel- Abroad
Travel - Domestic
Writing Projects

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Types of Sponsors

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Foundations
- Other Nonprofits
- Professional Societies
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

- **Homepage:**
  
  http://www.unh.edu/research

**Tools for UNH Researchers**

- **Getting Started with Grantseeking:**
  
  http://www.unh.edu/research/getting-started-grantseeking

- **Finding Funding:**
  
  http://www.unh.edu/research/finding-funding

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Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

- Getting Started with Grantseeking:
  [http://www.unh.edu/research/getting-started-grantseeking](http://www.unh.edu/research/getting-started-grantseeking)

  - Terminology & acronyms
  - Info about sponsors' priorities, "cultures" and ways of doing things
  - Link to “Workshops, Education & Training” section to find in-depth tools and info
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Finding Funding:  
http://www.unh.edu/research/finding-funding

- Funding Opportunity Lists and Links
- Search Tools & Strategies
- Special Funding Needs and Programs
- Info About Sponsors
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Search Tools & Strategies

Ways to Search for Funding Opportunities:
http://www.unh.edu/research/ways-search-funding-opportunities

SPIN – SMARTS – GENIUS
http://www.unh.edu/research/spin-smarts-genius

- SPIN – searchable database of funding opportunities
- SMARTS – funding opportunity matching service
- GENIUS – database of investigator profiles

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Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Search Tools & Strategies

- Foundation Directory Online

- Comprehensive source of information about nearly 108,000 foundations, corporate donors, and grantmaking public charities

- For access info, see: http://library.plymouth.edu/grant-research
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Search Tools & Strategies

- Develop personal contacts
- Check professional societies and look in professional journals
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Search Tools & Strategies

Free Search Tools & Bulletin Boards

http://unh.edu/research/free-search-tools-bulletin-boards

- Explore potential sponsors’ websites
  - organizational goals, priorities and long-term plans
  - funding opportunities
  - previously-funded projects

- Sign up for the sponsors’ email lists to be notified of funding opportunities

- Sign up for The Foundation Center's RFP Bulletin
Search Tools & Strategies

Free Search Tools & Bulletin Boards

- Use Grants.gov FIND to search for competitive grant opportunities from all the Federal grant-making agencies
  [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)

- Sign-up for the grants.gov RSS feed to receive listings of funding opportunities by agency or area of interest (category)
  [http://www.grants.gov/help/rss.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/help/rss.jsp)

- Use on-line bulletin boards, university web sites, other grants-related search engines
Resources on the UNH Research Web Site

Special Funding Needs and Programs
http://unh.edu/research/special-funding-needs-and-programs

Early Career Investigators/Junior Faculty
- Federal Agencies
- Foundations and Other Not-for-Profit Sponsors

- Programs that are particularly well-suited to UNH and its research community
  - NIH AREA (R15) Grants
  - Fulbright Programs to Foster International Scholarship

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Managing the Search
Finding sponsors

- Define your needs before you search
- Use the Web... but don’t get caught
- Use a variety of resources and strategies
Find sponsor(s)
- whose goals match your goals
- who want what you will produce

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Make sure you understand the program requirements

- Funding program objective
- Applicant eligibility
- Timeframe
- Budget and activity constraints
- Proposal content & supporting documents
- Submission mechanics
  - proposal format
  - deadline date & time
  - [postmark vs.] receipt
Things to Consider When Evaluating a Funding Opportunity

- Mission congruence
- Availability of resources, personnel to prepare proposal
- Eligibility
- Scale and scope congruence
- Timing and adequacy of funds (grant; match funds?)
- Ability to meet administrative & reporting requirements
- Mechanics of submission process
Additional Resources on UNH Research Web Site

Tools for UNH Researchers

- Equipment, Resources & Services
  [http://www.unh.edu/research/equipment-resources-services](http://www.unh.edu/research/equipment-resources-services)
  - Life Sciences Resources
  - Project Design and Logic Models
  - Proposal Development
  - Statistics and Data Interpretation
  - Survey, Evaluation, and Assessment
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