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Your Partner: OSP

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is responsible for all pre-award and non-financial post-award functions including proposal submissions, the negotiation and acceptance of all sponsored awards and agreements on behalf of American University.

OSP assists American University faculty and staff with proposal preparation, interpretation of sponsor polices/guidelines, including applicable regulations, sponsored programs training, education, and communication. OSP works closely with the Grants and Contracts Accounting (GCA) in managing all externally funded sponsored awards.
Our Core Services

- Assistance with the proposal budget preparation and development
- Research and disseminate funding opportunities
- Facilitate institutional routing/approvals of proposals
- Submission of proposals and other required documents to sponsors
- Assist with electronic proposal development and submission
- Provide institutional certification and/or assurances when required.
- Serve as liaison between the University and sponsor to resolve sponsored award related concerns/issues
- Initiate sponsored award account set-up
- Facilitate sponsored award close-out functions
- Host regular events to educate faculty and staff on sponsor related policies and procedures
- Develop resource documents to aid faculty/staff with the administration of sponsored awards
- Ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, local and university policies and regulations
Assumptions to Avoid

1. Always check the Sponsor website for changes to funding programs.

2. Always verify the listed deadline on the sponsor website regardless of what the funding tools states.

3. Don't be afraid to consult with your colleagues on search strategies and industry contacts.
Today's Goal

Overview of OSP's three funding opportunity databases and profile set up. Profiles provide the ability to locate collaborators, track funding opportunities and set up deadline based alerts.

Grant Forward
https://www.grantforward.com/index

Pivot COS
http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main

Foundation Center
https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/search/member-index

Q & A
Our Funding Resources

Grant Forward- Create Login to Access
(Basic vs. Advanced Searches)

Grant Forward is a funding search engine. As of April 17th 2014, they've added 8020 new opportunities and they update their database twice a week. Know of a sponsor that hasn't been covered? Email them at support@grantforward.com and they'll add them to the database.

- Keywords
- Categories & Subcategories
- Advanced Filters: Sponsors, Deadline, Sponsor Type
- Saved Search/Emailed Alerts
- Saved Favorites
Our Tools

Pivot COS- Library Access

Pivot combines the most comprehensive, editorially maintained database of funding opportunities worth an estimated $33 billion with their unique database of 3 million pre-populated scholar profiles. Its proprietary algorithm compiles pre-populated researcher profiles unique to AU (and others) and matches them to current funding opportunities. This allows users to search for a funding opportunity and instantly view matching faculty from inside or outside of AU.

- Creating Your Account & Scholar Profile
- Quick Search
- Sponsored Search
- Proximity Search
- Refining Search Query/Faceted search (submission, funding, top sponsor, requirement and keyword types)
- Saving & Tracking Searches
- **Keyword examples:** Grant titles, Sponsors, Descriptive Text, Academic Restrictions, Activities Supported, Citizenship, Sponsor Type
Our Tools

The Foundation Center- Library Access
(Boolean vs. Wild card Searches)

Foundation Directory Online (FDO) is a research tool which includes grant-maker information and their funding history. When it comes to online research sources for funding, FDO provides access to 120,000+ foundations and corporate donors and over 3 million recent grants.

Note on Boolean searches: Four Boolean operators can be incorporated into a search: AND, OR, NOT, and NEAR.

- Power Search
- Search Grant-makers
- Search Companies
- Search Grants
- Search 990s (mission, programs, and finances)
Funding Opportunity Information
Next Sessions
Individual Session- Open to all SPA staff/faculty

- Date: 10.02.14 and 11.06.14
- Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm

General Overview Session-
- CAS 09.25.14  Time: 10:30am- 12:00pm
- SPEx 10.30.14  Time: 10:30am- 12:00pm

To register, send an email with name, title and department/unit to OSPEvents@american.edu
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