COS Pivot

The link to COS Pivot is in all GIC research guides and in the databases directory
- Good for non-profits and individuals: a nice “catch all” database
  - Non-profits may wish to start with the Foundation Directory Online
- Current funding opportunities from both non-government and government sponsors
- Covers all subject areas
- Available in any library and can be used from anywhere after you create your login. You must have a UW-Madison email address to create an account
  - Save searches, create email alerts, and put funding opportunities on tracked lists
  - View potential collaborators

How to search COS Pivot

1. Use Advanced Search.
2. These fields should be included in your search:
   - Activity Location
   - Citizenship or Residency
   - Funding Type: What do you need the money for?
   - Keywords: Subject areas/fields of interest
   - Requirements: Who are you? What type of organization?
3. Optional:
   - Sponsor Type: Limits results to a certain sponsor type, such as U.S. Federal sponsors
     - Use the Exclude section if you or your organization can only accept funding from certain types of sponsors
4. Click Search
COS Pivot Tips: Selected fields

- **General**: Selections within a field are automatically connected with OR while each field is connected with AND.
  - **Example**: ((Human Ecology or Human Development) AND (Graduate Student or Women))
- **Activity Location**: Include the state and the United States as a whole
  - Many funders give to multiple states
- **Citizenship or Residency**: Include United States along with home country
  - International students/researchers may be able to apply through the UW
- **Funding Type**: Training or Scholarship or Fellowship
  - Works well for finding funding for education
- **Keywords**: Use the controlled vocabulary
  - You may browse the hierarchy or type in your keywords
- **Requirements**: "Minority", "Women", or "Persons With Disabilities“
  - Opportunities for which only the above may apply

Search Results

- **General results page**: Funding opportunity, funding source/sponsor, deadline, and amount
  - Click on the title to get more information
  - **With an account**: Save your search and receive weekly email updates

- **Within a funding opportunity**: Look at the *Eligibility* requirements first
  - Are you or your organization eligible for this opportunity?
  - Search terms are in red
  - Is this a good match for you? Note the keywords and requirements.
  - **With an account**:
    - See potential collaborators from the UW-Madison
    - Track the funding opportunity
    - Share with others

Other tips

- Some research topics may not get any results in searching, but that does not necessarily mean there are no grants for which the project may be eligible. If this happens, try searching for grants in the broader field(s) of your subject area
- Click **Refine Search** (only on the search results page) to modify
- Use **All Fields** for specialized terms not in the keywords controlled vocabulary or for terms that you are not certain where they should be placed
- COS Pivot has good help documents and instructional videos – see help link in upper right
- **Funding Field Descriptions**: [https://pivot.desk.com/customer/portal/articles/944683-funding-field-descriptions](https://pivot.desk.com/customer/portal/articles/944683-funding-field-descriptions)
  - Support/Help => Finding Funding Opps => Funding Field Descriptions


Funding Types

• **Artistic Pursuit**: funding for the presentation of artistic work, for example a performance, exhibit, or film or video production
• **Collaboration or Cooperative Agreement**: funding for any collaborative activity between people working at two or more institutions or in two or more disciplines
• **Contract or Tender**: funding for an agreement to conduct a specific project or task with stated outcomes (as opposed to a general research effort or program development)
• **Dissertation or Thesis**: funding for research or other activities related to the completion of a doctoral dissertation or graduate thesis
• **Equipment or Materials Acquisition or Facility Use**: funding targeted toward the purchase or use of equipment, materials, or special facilities required to conduct research. Included would be the purchase of computer equipment, payment for the use of a facility's telescope, leased time on a supercomputer, use of library facilities or special collections and use of art facilities (colonies, studios). Not included would be general expenses related to research
• **Facility Construction or Operation**: funding to construct, remodel, or operate a facility
• **Meeting or Conference or Seminar**: funding to either attend or organize a meeting, conference, or seminar
• **Postdoctoral Award**: funds for individuals who have recently received PhDs to perform research or study, usually under the guidance of a mentor, but sometimes not in the humanities or social sciences
• **Prize or Award**: monetary or other awards presented in recognition of past or current accomplishments in the arts, sciences, or humanities
• **Program or Curriculum Development or Provision**: funding to develop or provide a program to benefit the public, or to develop or provide a curriculum, a course, or other types of training or instruction for the public or for those in a traditional educational setting
• **Publishing or Editorial**: subvention for publication costs of journals, manuscripts, texts, documents, and translations of works
• **Research**: funding for activity that increases overall knowledge about a field
• **Training or Scholarship or Fellowship**: funding in the form of scholarships, internships, fellowships, or specialized training that advances the individual's knowledge of the area, not the area itself
• **Travel**: funds for travel expenses arising from programs or activities such as (but not limited to) visiting lectureships or professorships, exchange programs, on-site observation, or research activities
• **Visiting Personnel**: funding to either be or host a visiting expert.

Choose as many **Funding Types** as necessary to adequately describe your interests. If you feel that your results set is too large, go back to the search interface and narrow your search strategy as necessary.