Recommended Funding Sources for Academics*

Private and Government Giving:

**COS Pivot**
Offers up-to-date and complete descriptions of approximately 25,000 private and federal funding sources in all subject areas. Available to all users within Memorial Library. UW-Madison affiliates may use remotely and may create a logon with your campus email address.

**Grant Forward**
Includes over 8,000 federal and private funding programs for researchers, scholars, faculty, graduate students and institutions. Available to all users within Memorial Library. UW-Madison affiliates may use remotely and may create a logon with your campus email address.

**RSP Funding for Graduates**
Provides over 3,500 records on funding programs open to graduate students and those working on postdoctorate degrees and certificates for study, training, creative activities, conference attendance, travel in the U.S. and abroad, and professional development. Includes grants, fellowships, and awards. (Available to UW-Madison users only – individuals must create personal login)

**SPIN: Sponsored Programs Information Network**
Provides access to funding information for research, development activities, international projects, collaborative programs, fellowships, academic exchange programs, and more. Searchable by citizenship, geographic areas and restrictions, deadlines, subjects, and more. Available to all users within Memorial Library. UW-Madison affiliates may use remotely.

Government Giving:

**GRANTS.gov**
This resource can be difficult to use in identifying what is available. Instead, visit individual agency web sites and/or use the resources below to find grants – then use grants.gov to apply. This site also includes grant opportunities notices posted in the most recent seven days, links to grant application packages, resources such as proposal writing information. (Free: http://www.grants.gov)

Foundation Giving:

**Foundation Directory Online**
A web-based database from the Foundation Center, a foundation-supported clearinghouse of information on foundation funding sources. Over 100,000 grantmaking foundations can be searched, including private and corporate grantmakers supporting institutions of higher education. (Available in Memorial Library only)

**Foundation Grants to Individuals**
A database compiled by the staff of the Foundation Center. Includes of over 6,000 foundations and public charities that fund individuals for a variety of needs and projects. Funding includes educational support, general welfare, arts and cultural support, awards, prizes, and grants by nomination, international applicants, company employees, etc. (Available in Memorial Library Only)

* For more information and links to these resources visit [http://grants.library.wisc.edu](http://grants.library.wisc.edu).

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Database Hints

- Read database descriptions carefully (names are often deceptive)
- Use search limits wisely (i.e. don’t over-limit)
- When available begin with database’s search words / terminology
- Supplement w/ text searches

- **Boolean Logic (AND, OR, NOT)**
  - education and women = narrows the results
  - (women or females or girls) = broadens the results
  - not “applications not accepted”

- **Truncation** (usually the *)

- Put phrases in “quotation marks”

- Keep track of potential matches (print, email or take notes)