FINDING FUNDING FOR YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION

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TODAY’S PROGRAM: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• Overview of the Grants Information Collection
• Creating a Personal Funding Plan
  • Articulate your “Plan of Study”
  • Special Circumstances and Affiliations
• Identify Potential Funding Sources
  • Where to look
  • Finding partners
GRANTS INFORMATION COLLECTION

- Funding Information Network Partner of the Foundation Center
- Library Collection (not a research service)
- Memorial Library Room 262
- Open all library hours
- Our web site: go.wisc.edu/grants
- Print & Online Resources
Funding for My Education/Research

**Online workshop:** Grants for your Education Online Workshop

- College/Undergraduates
- **Graduate Students**
- International Students
- Academics/Researchers
- Other Individuals
- Funding for UW-Madison Study, Scholarships & Fellowships

**UW Students/Student Orgs**

- Student Organizations Fundraising
- ASM Grants (Associated Students of Madison)
- Wisconsin Experience Grants
• COS Pivot
  Offers several databases for approximately 25,000 private and federal funding sources. Grants in the non-science areas are included. (Note: You must set up a personal login account using your wisc.edu email - free to UW-Madison clientele - through the COS Workbench feature for some of the COS Pivot services, however, a login is not necessary to use the database.)
  Need help?
  • Handout on using Pivot
  • 20 minute video on using Pivot
  • Vendor support pages

• Foundation Grants to Individuals
  Funding includes educational support, general welfare, arts and cultural support, awards, prizes, and grants by nomination. Available in Memorial Library only.

• Grants and Awards Available to American Writers
  Includes, more than 1,000 listings of domestic and foreign grants, literary awards, fellowships, and residencies available to American writers. Searchable by keyword, genre, organization, or deadline.

• Grant Forward
  Includes over 8,000 federal and private funding programs for researchers, scholars, faculty and graduate students. Grant programs for institutions are included as well.

• RSP Funding for Graduate Students
  Do on your own
  RSP (Reference Service Press) Funding for Graduate Students contains up-to-date information on thousands of financial aid programs open to graduate students. The database describes various program types, including fellowships, loans, grants, dissertation/thesis support, internships, and awards.
WHAT IS A GRANT?

• An award for which there is no expectation of repayment or services to be performed
• A Gift of money (or something worth money) to be used for “charitable purposes.”

Types of Grants
• Fellowships
• Scholarships
• Travel
• Research
• Etc.

Note: Not all grantmakers read/follow the official definition of “grant types.”
Most important is: does a specific grantmaker allow you to use the money as you need?
WHO IS INTERESTED IN FUNDING...

YOU as a person?
- Level of study completed
- Demographic characteristics (e.g., gender, race/ethnicity, single-parent, returning student, etc.)
- Citizenship/residency
- Long-term goals
- Geographic Location of the activity to be funded
- And more

Your Organization?
- Type of organization (e.g., university, research group, lab, hospital, types of populations served, etc.)
- Geographic location (Wisconsin, Midwest, US, etc.)
- Population served by your organization
**WHAT "TYPE(S) OF FUNDING" OR "GRANT" WILL THEY GIVE?**
(I.E., **HOW YOU CAN SPEND THE MONEY**)

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<td>• Projects</td>
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<td>• Travel</td>
<td>• Curriculum development</td>
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<td>• Etc.</td>
<td>• Equipment</td>
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<td>• Use of facility</td>
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<td>• Endowments, etc.</td>
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*Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:*

Main web site: [http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/index.html](http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/index.html)
IS SPONSORSHIP AN OPTION?

• Most grant makers give to nonprofits

• Research or projects are sometimes eligible – speak to your department or the office of Research and Sponsored Programs http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/

• If you can get a “fiscal sponsor” or “institutional affiliation” you may be eligible for many more funding opportunities
  ‣ How to find a fiscal sponsor:
    ‣ Go to grantspace.org and search for fiscal sponsor
ARTICULATE YOUR PLAN OF STUDY/RESEARCH

• What is your major area of study or research?
• Will you study part-time? Full-time? For how long?
• Where do you plan to study? Do you need to travel to conduct your graduate research?
• When will you need the funding?
• How does your plan or project fit into your overall goals?
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR RESEARCH/PROJECT (I.E., POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS) ?

- Topic/Subject
- Technique/approach/theory/school of thought
- Technology used
- Population/location studied
- Population groups to benefit
- Future applications of understanding, technology, etc.
- Outcomes (immediate and long-term)

Broadly and specifically!
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES & AFFILIATIONS

• Professional & trade associations
• Religious affiliations
• Community & civic organizations & clubs
• Military
**Example of questions from the “RSP Funding” database**

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<td>- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans (self or parent)</td>
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<td>- Home schooled</td>
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<td>- Immigrant or refugee</td>
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<td>- Single parent/Child of single parent</td>
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<td>- Foster child</td>
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<td>- Displaced homemaker/Reentry student</td>
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<td>- Other special characteristics</td>
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**Your Organizational Affiliation**

Some organizations offer financial aid to their members. Check any of the organizations listed here that you are associated with, or type in their specific names below.

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<td>- Fraternities/Sororities/Greek letter societies</td>
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<td>- Unions</td>
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<td>- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences</td>
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<td>- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists</td>
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WHERE TO LOOK:

• Subject or population-specific print directories
• Subscription and free databases
• Foundation & Government Agency Web sites
• Requests for Proposals (RFP) sites
• Journals and the research of others
• Local and association newsletters
• IRS Tax Returns
• Everywhere: talk to your colleagues, listserves
IDENTIFY FUNDERS IN THESE DATABASES

• Foundation Directory Online
  • Contains Grantmaker records and Grants records
  • Memorial Library only

• Foundation Grants to Individuals
  • Subset of grantmaker records for individual grant seekers
  • Memorial Library only

• COS Pivot
  • Funding opportunities from many sources (gov and nongov)

• RSP Funding for Graduate Students
  • Specifically for grad students
  • Good for scholarships, travel, and research
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RFP SITES (A SAMPLING)

• General
  • Philanthropy News Digest RFPs
    http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/
  • Grant Award Central
    http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools/graduate-school-scholarships.aspx

• Subject specific
  • American Psychological Association: Scholarships, Grants and Awards
    http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx
  • National Science Foundation: Up-coming Due Dates
    http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date
  • New York Foundation for the Arts
    http://www.nyfa.org/
CHECKING TRACK RECORDS

• Foundation Giving
  • Tax returns: 990PF and 990
    • Foundation Directory Quick Start: https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/
    • GuideStar: http://www2.guidestar.org/AdvancedSearch.aspx
    • Foundation Directory Online (Memorial Library only)
  • Past grants and track records:
  • Individual grantmaker web sites

• Government Giving
  • NEH Budget and Annual Reports http://www.neh.gov/about/legal/reports
  • USASpending.gov http://usaspending.gov/
  • Individual agency web sites
KNOW GRANTMAKER’S REQUIREMENTS

• Eligibility
• Most recent guidelines
• Initial Contact:
  • Email?
  • Phone call?
  • Letter of Inquiry?
• Full Proposal? Or Own Application Form?
• Deadlines, follow-up, expectations, etc.

Remember, the Grants Information Collection also has resources on proposal writing.
APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Firm up your plan of study and specific financial needs
2. Conduct research to identify funders
3. Give yourself plenty of time
4. Follow funders guidelines carefully
5. Submit applications early and to multiple sources
6. Stay determined
7. Talk to others
Thank you!

Please visit go.wisc.edu/grants for more information and to request further assistance.