

“Funding Sources for Grantseekers”

Pre-Award Services in the Office of Sponsored Programs can assist faculty and graduate students in identifying possible sources of funding. These may be in the form of research grants, collaborative activities, travel, curriculum development, conference, fellowships, post-doc positions, equipment acquisition, operating or capital expenses, and more. Assistance is also available in helping you with proposal preparation, if needed.

MSU resources for funding opportunities:

COS

24,000 funding opportunities
<http://fundingopps.cos.com>

COS Workbench
<http://www.cos.com>

COS Expertise: faculty expertise profiles
COS Funding Alert: investigator alert system

SPIN / GENIUS / SMARTS

SPIN: 12,000+ funding opportunities
http://spin2000.infoed.org/new_spin/spinmain.asp
GENIUS: faculty expertise profiles
<http://spin2000.infoed.org/geniussearch/genius.asp>
SMARTS: investigator alert system

VP Research / OSP Website

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwvr/osp/>

Grants.gov

Federal Grants Public Database
<http://Grants.gov>

Proposal Writing Assistance

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwvr/osp/propwrit.html>

“Foundation Directory Online Plus”

Must be used in Renne Library
<http://www.lib.montana.edu/>
Articles (Indexes/Databases);
Reference; Fndn Dir Online

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To subscribe to grants newsletters and funding info electronically – <http://www.montana.edu/wwwvr/osp/electronic.html>

How do I use MSU's Funding Opportunity Databases and Funding Alert Services?

COS

<http://fundingopps2.cos.com>

- 24,000 records
- \$33 billion of funding opportunities
- quick or advanced searches
- weekly automatic e-mails of individualized funding opportunities

SPIN (from InfoEd International)

http://spin2000.infoed.org/new_spin/spinmain.asp

- 12,000 records
- quick or advanced searches
- daily automatic e-mails of individualized funding opportunities

Funding Alert services can help you target the announcements you want to receive. Please take a few minutes to complete your individual faculty profiles in GENIUS and COS Expertise, select your research keywords in COS Funding Opportunities, save your searches, then sit back and wait for the funding opportunity e-mails to arrive.

COS Workbench / Funding Alerts

<http://www.cos.com>

1. Create your COS Workbench to use all COS screens.
2. Click on "Join Now".
3. Follow steps to select institution, your name, email, college, department, username, password, etc.
4. In your Workbench, select the "COS Funding Opportunities" tab to create your search, then select "Save Search".
5. Up to 40 searches can be created using keywords, funding type, sponsor type, and other criteria that you select. Archived results can also be accessed by logging into your Workbench.
6. If you forget your Username and Password, call Audrey Thurlow (406-994-6240) or COS will look it up at: <http://expertise.cos.com/cgi-bin/recovery/getInfo>

COS Expertise

- Promote your experience and research
- Search for collaborators and peer reviewers worldwide
- Maintain your curriculum vitae here

SPIN's "GENIUS/SMARTS" Funding Alerts

<http://spin2000.infoed.org/geniussearch/genius.asp>

To activate your SPIN account:

1. Select "Create New Profile" at top of page.
2. Follow steps to select institution, your name, email, college, department, username, password, etc.
3. On the "Profile Summary Page", complete the "Required for GENIUS and SMARTS" and "Used in SMARTS Matching" categories. Here you will choose keywords that identify your areas of interest, and other criteria to narrow your results.

Keep in mind that the more criteria you select, the more narrow your results will be.

MSU's subscription to InfoEd's services also allows MSU researchers access to these databases (from the SPIN search page above)

- Patent Search
- Medline
- US GeoSearch
- Agricola