

# FINDING FUNDING 101

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# Workshop Topics

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- ✓ Introduction to SDSU Research Foundation and Office of Grant Information and Communications
- ✓ Finding your sponsor and program
- ✓ Resources available to you through SDSU and SDSU Research Foundation
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Pivot funding opportunity demonstration

# SDSU Research Foundation Purpose:



To support the educational, research and community service objectives of San Diego State University.

**2017-18:** SDSU faculty submitted 1,215 proposals, received 756 awards and \$135 million in total grants and contracts

# Pre-Award Offices:

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- **Grant Information and Communication**

- Promoting research, media contact
- Identify and disseminate funding opportunities to the campus community

- **Sponsored Research Development**

- Budget development
- Proposal submission:
  - Reviewing guidelines, campus approvals, compliance



# Funding and Grant Information

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## **Most information can be found on the internet!**

- Grants.gov
- Sponsor websites and Agency Listservs
  - E.g. NIH, NSF, NEH, EPA, etc.
- SDSURF Grant Information & Communication (GI&C) office
- Funding opportunities and these important components:
  - Guidelines and application forms
  - Deadlines
  - Grant writing tutorials and tips

# Which sponsor is right for me?

Choose a sponsor whose research goals align with the goals of your project.

Resources to help determine compatibility:

- Mission Statements
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Previous awards

Once you've found your sponsor, you can read through the funding opportunity announcements (FOA) they've posted.

# THE DNA OF AN FOA:

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**FOA = Funding Opportunity Announcement, also known as Request for Proposals**

## **Key Components:**

- Program synopsis/description
- Deadlines and due dates
- Eligibility
- Award amount



# SDSURF Weekly Grant Bulletins:

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Emailed out weekly by the SDSURF GI&C office. [Click here to sign-up!](#)

**Discipline-specific funding opportunities and grant-related information in the following areas:**

- Arts, Humanities and Social Science
- Education, Business, Community Development, and Training
- Health and Mental Health
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Combined Health and Science Bulletin



# GI&C Office: Additional Resources

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- One-on-one meetings
- Funding opportunity searches
- Sample proposals
- Department meetings
- SPIN
- Pivot



# Funding Information Resources: SPIN



## SPIN

World's Largest Database of Sponsored  
Funding Opportunities

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Select Keywords

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Locate Funding

You have no additional filters active. [Click here to edit them.](#)

[www.infoed.sdsu.edu](http://www.infoed.sdsu.edu)

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# Funding Information Resources

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## SPIN

- SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network) is a searchable database containing detailed information about grant programs from more than 1,200 different federal and non-federal sponsoring agencies.
- Over 31,000 funding opportunities.

## SMARTS

- SMARTS (Spin Match and Retrieval Systems)
  - Automated program announcements
  - Notifications based on saved SPIN search criteria

# Funding Information Resources: Pivot



Funding

Profiles

Papers Invited

Admin

Funding ▾

Search



Active



Tracked

2



Saved Searches

2



Shared



Received



Advisor

2



Curated

1

## Active Opps

Save the most critical or time-sensitive funding opportunities you find to your Active list. Use tags to organize and receive an email when an active opp is updated (both optional).

Click on the Funding tab to begin your search or use the quick search in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

[View Tutorial](#)

# FUNDING INFORMATION RESOURCES



<http://pivot.proquest.com/>

- Profiles updated with your publications and grants
- Recommendations based on past research and publications
- Ability to find collaborators at SDSU and nationwide
- Library guide: <http://libguides.sdsu.edu/pivotguide>

# Conducting A Funding Search:

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- Project type, budget, timeframe, eligibility, sponsor type
- Keyword and term searches
- Double check preferences
- Get creative and be flexible

# Keys to Success

- ✓ Establish eligibility and fit
- ✓ Contact GI&C office
- ✓ Contact program officer
- ✓ PLAN AHEAD!



# Tutorials and Tips

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## **NSF: A Guide for Proposal Writing**

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04016/nsf04016\\_5.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04016/nsf04016_5.htm)

## **HHS: Ten Tips for Writing a Winning Proposal**

[http://ori.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ten\\_tips.pdf](http://ori.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ten_tips.pdf)

## **NIH: Grant Writing Tip Sheets**

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant\\_tips.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_tips.htm)

## **All About Grants Podcast**

<http://grants.nih.gov/news/virtual-learning/podcasts.htm>

## **Proposal Writing: Stages and Strategies with Examples**

<http://facstaff.gpc.edu/~ebrown/infobr3.htm>



# Federal Grant Lists

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- Grants.gov - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>
- National Endowment for the Arts - <https://www.arts.gov/news>
- National Science Foundation - <https://www.nsf.gov/news/>
- National Aeronautic and Space Administration (bottom of page) - <https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/sara/grant-solicitations>
- U.S. Department of Education - [https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/search?conditions%5Bagency\\_ids%5D=126&conditions%5Btype%5D=NOTICE](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/search?conditions%5Bagency_ids%5D=126&conditions%5Btype%5D=NOTICE)

# QUESTIONS?



# Using the Pivot Database

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## COMPUTER LOG IN

Each station has an assigned log in and password

Pivot:

[www.pivot.proquest.com](http://www.pivot.proquest.com)

# THANK YOU!

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