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Grants Information Collection
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Today’s Program

- Overview of the Grants Information Collection
- What you need to know before looking for grants
- How you can identify funding partners
- Library resources for your grant seeking efforts
- Databases demonstration and hands-on session
Grants Information Collection

- Funding Information Network partner of the Foundation Center
- Library collection (not a research service)
- Memorial Library Room 262 D/E
- Open all library hours
- Print & Online Resources
- Website: go.wisc.edu/grants
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 Gives Grants?

- Educational Institutions
  - UW–Madison, UW–System...
- Foundations
  - Private, community, corporate
- Businesses
- U.S. Government–sponsored
  - Federal, state, local
- Associations & Societies
  - Rotary Club, Wilson Ornithological Society...
What is a foundation?

- Non-governmental entity
- Established as a nonprofit corporation or a charitable trust
- Principle purpose of making grants to unrelated organizations, institutions, or individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes.
- Foundations contributed $47.43 billion in grant money for FY 2012
  - Note: Many foundations give primarily to non-profit organizations
Federal Grant Spending in 2015: $614.415 billion

OVERVIEW OF AWARDS BY FISCAL YEAR

Roll over the individual trending lines to see totals for the award type for a fiscal year. To see the totals for all award types in a fiscal year, go to the Text View.

OVERVIEW OF AWARDS BY FY 2008 — 2015

- Contracts
- Grants
- Loans
- Other Financial Assistance

Text View of Overview of Awards by Fiscal Year
To determine this we want to look at both:

- What grantmakers SAY they will fund
- What they have actually funded in recent the past

Specifically regarding these aspects:

- How you can spend the money
- **Who** they’re willing to fund
- **Where** they’re willing to fund
- Subject/topic interests
Who is interested in funding...

**YOU as a person?**
- Level of study completed or position (esp. for staff)
- 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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Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:
Main web site: [http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/index.html](http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/index.html)
Contact person(s): [http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/cnsrescont.html](http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/cnsrescont.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/](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:
RSP promotes and facilitates the research, education, and outreach missions of the University of Wisconsin-Madison by supporting and administering extramurally sponsored programs.

**Award Lifecycle**

- **Finding Funding**
  - Find internal/external resources and links to funding opportunities for supporting your research.

- **Proposal Preparation**
  - Software, tools, and information on getting your proposal routed and submitted correctly and on time.

- **Award Setup**
  - Once funded, this will guide you through the process to get your award set up.
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!
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
- IRS Tax Returns
- Everywhere
Databases and Search Sites

- COS Pivot
- RSP Funding for Graduate Students (set-up profile)
- SPIN
- Grant Forward (formerly IRIS)
- Foundation Grants to Individuals (Memorial Library only)

- Foundation Directory Online (For orgs; Memorial Library only)
- Grants.gov
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
RFP Sites (a sampling)

- Philanthropy News Digest RFPs
  http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/

- Chronicle of Philanthropy Deadlines for Grants & Awards
  http://philanthropy.com/deadlines/

- Art Deadline List
  http://artdeadlineslist.com/

- H-Net Online (Humanities & Social Sciences)
  http://www.h-net.org/announce/group.cgi?type=Funding

- National Endowment for the Humanities Grants & Deadlines
  http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html

- National Science Foundation: Up-coming Due Dates
  http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date

- Scangrants.com: Medical & Biological Science Research Deadlines
  http://www.scangrants.com/Search.aspx
Checking Track Records

- **Foundation Giving**
  - Tax returns: 990PF and 990
    - Foundation Directory Online Free: [https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/](https://fdo.foundationcenter.org/)
    - GuideStar: [http://www2.guidestar.org/AdvancedSearch.aspx](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](http://www.neh.gov/about/legal/reports)
  - 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

Red Handout: Tips for the application process
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!

Stick around to work with the funding databases

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