Searching for Funding
Exploring Grant & Foundation Databases

pivot University of Arizona

Provides funding information available from private foundations, public agencies, national and local governments, and corporations for a variety of activities, including research and travel, in all academic disciplines.

http://www.library.arizona.edu/databases/search/pivot

grant forward

Includes federal government, foundations and institutional funding opportunities with more than 15,000 entries from over 2400 sponsors. There are numerous filtering categories to refine results.

http://www.library.arizona.edu/databases/search/grant forward

FOUNDATION DIRECTORY

120,000+ profiles of foundations, grant making public charities, corporate giving programs and IRS tax exempt forms (990s) that provide information on individual grant recipients and grant amounts.

http://www.library.arizona.edu/databases/search/foundation directory
Guided Search

1. Go to Pivot or Grant Forward (See web addresses on the reverse side).

2. Select Advanced Search

3. Use the following search words: “biomedical engineering”
   - Grant Forward: Use the **Exact Phrase** search box

4. Select one grant announcement and review the information provided. What keywords or categories did you see in the announcement that would be useful to refine or narrow your search?
   
   Try the new keywords in a search. Did you get better results?

5. Filter your results.
   - **Pivot:** Review the categories below the search boxes.
   - **Grant Forward:** Review the categories in the left hand column that you can use to filter your results.
   
   a) Deadlines: Change to: **From: Jan 1, 2015 To: Jan 1, 2016**
   
   b) Limit by Funding Type: (Try each type: Research or Fellowship or Scholarship)
   
   c) Limit to Graduate Students:
      a. Pivot: Use **Requirements** category
      b. Grant Forward: Use **Applicant Type** category
   
   d) Select **Sponsor Type:** Your choice – How does this limit your search?

6. **Save Search/Alerts.** You will need to create/log-in to your account to save searches and create alerts.
   
   Depending on the database, first select the **Save Search/Alert** or **Save Query** link after completing a search.
   
   a) Choose a name for your saved search: **biomedical engineering**
   
   b) Set up alert frequency: **once a month**  **[Note:** In Pivot, alerts are automatically turned on with saved searches.]

7. **View Search Alerts** to see the search statement you used, to re-run the search, or to delete the saved search.

   **Pivot:**
   
   a) Go to the Home Page.
   
   b) Select **Saved Searches** on the left side menu.
   
   c) Select the **Options** drop down menu to turn the weekly alerts off or on.

   **Grant Forward:** Select the **Saved Searches** on the navigation bar above the search boxes.
   
   a) From this page, you can view the search statement, change the alert frequency, view the search results or delete the search.