Finding Funding & Limited Opportunities

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A first step in successful research administration is finding the funding opportunities needed by your PI. Without funding, research cannot progress at UF. The Division of Research Program Development is available to assist you in finding appropriate funding sources and coordinating limited submission opportunities.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the services provided by the Division of Research Program Development
- Find funding opportunities
- Describe the process for limited submissions

To pass this course, you must obtain at least 80% on the final assessment.

Be advised there are audio elements included in this course. You may wish to wear headphones or adjust your audio accordingly.

For questions, contact:
Division of Research Program Development
- [research.ufl.edu/funding-funding.html](research.ufl.edu/funding-funding.html)
- [programdevelopment@research.ufl.edu](programdevelopment@research.ufl.edu)
- 352-392-4804

Lexicon

It’s important we all speak the same language. Below you will find some terms that are used often, along with their definitions.

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<th>Term</th>
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<td>Request for Proposal (RFP)</td>
<td>Invitation from funding sources to those interested in submitting applications (a.k.a. Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Solicitation, Call, or Request for Application (RFA)).</td>
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What do I do to find funding?

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<th>Identify activity that needs funding</th>
<th>What activity are you trying to fund? (Research, Conference Planning, Conference Travel, Equipment, etc.) Once you are clear on that, then you can start searching for RFPs.</th>
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<td>Search Database and Google</td>
<td>You can find relevant RFPs by using the Opportunity Manager (OppMan) database, the Pivot database, and/or keyword searches in Google.</td>
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<td>We will discuss the databases later on in the course.</td>
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<td>For searching in Google, use effective keywords that aren’t too broad (deliver too many irrelevant results) or too restrictive (return no or few results).</td>
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<td>Finding the right keywords for best results takes practice.</td>
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<td>Sign up for email alerts</td>
<td>You are encouraged to set up email alerts within specific databases to notify you when a relevant RFP is posted.</td>
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<td>Request a project-specific funding search</td>
<td>Some research can be very specific and finding appropriate funding can be difficult. In these cases, you or the PI can request a project-specific funding search be completed by DRPD. Visit <a href="http://research.ufl.edu/finding-funding/request-a-funding-search.html">http://research.ufl.edu/finding-funding/request-a-funding-search.html</a> when ready to request a project-specific funding search.</td>
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Types of Funding Support

Sponsored program funding at UF can come from either internal or external sources. Internal funding can come from colleges, departments, offices and/or centers/institutes.

Examples:

- Office of Research: Opportunity Seed Fund
- Clinical & Translational Science Institute: Pilot Projects
- Informatics Institute: SEED Funding
- Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere: Fellowships and Grants
- College of Medicine: Gatorade Funds
- Oak Hammock: Aging Research Awards

Remember to look up and add yourself to relevant department or college listservs.

The Office of Research sponsors a variety of internal opportunities. Click each item below to learn more.

- UF Research Foundation (UFRF) Professorships
- Special Matching Funds
- Research Opportunity Seed Fund
- Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund
- Graduate Student Travel Funds
- Support for National Meetings, Workshops & Conferences

Office of Research - https://research.ufl.edu/
External funding support can come from Federal Agencies, Foundations, Professional Organizations, State Agencies or Industry. **Click each box below to see examples.**

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Department of State

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Ford Foundation
- Science History Institute
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- American Gastroenterological Association
- Oncology Nursing Foundation

Professional organizations typically have membership requirements to participate, and membership may/may not be required to apply for funding.

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Health
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- Harris Corporation
- Pfizer
- Lockheed Martin Corporation

Have no fear! OppMan is here!
UF Funding Opportunity Manager -
http://my.research.ufl.edu/programdevelopment/fundingopportunities/opportunitiesmanager.aspx


Another database that you can use to find funding opportunities is called Pivot.

- Free to all UF Faculty/Staff/Students
- Includes more opportunities, but not eligibility-vetted just for UF
- Search function is more specific
- Can set up email alerts

Pivot training available here.

Pivot - https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_main
Besides helping you find funding, DRPD also coordinates opportunities that are limited.

What is a Limited Submission Opportunity?

Sponsors frequently restrict the number of applications an institution can submit in response to a given funding opportunity.

If an opportunity is restricted (limited), that information can commonly be found in the Eligibility, Submission Instructions, or Summary sections of solicitations, but can appear elsewhere as well.

Sponsors don’t always say what they meant! Sometimes you have to read between the lines - DRPD can help with that.

Established guidelines for selecting the proposal (or proposals) to be submitted and internal coordination procedures are posted as early as possible in OppMan.

Be aware, sometimes deadlines are short!

Limited Submission Opportunities are managed as follows:

1. The opportunity is announced by DRPD in OppMan
2. A LOI/Concept Paper is requested
3. Submissions are reviewed by a UF faculty committee
4. Final approval is received from the Vice President for Research

IMPORTANT!

If you come across a limited opportunity for which internal guidelines have not yet been published in OppMan or you have missed the internal deadline, please contact limitedprograms@research.ufl.edu as soon as possible.
Opportunity 1

National Institutes of Health
Biomedical Research Facilities


1. Is it limited or not? How do you know?

Limited:

Found in the Number of Applications section: Only one application per institution is allowed.
Opportunity 2

National Science Foundation
Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier:
Core Research (FW-HTF)

1. Is it limited or not? How do you know?

Non-limited:

Found in the Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization section: There are no restrictions or limits.
Opportunity 3

Vasculitis Foundation Research Program
https://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/research/research-program/

1. Is it limited or not? How do you know?

Non-limited, but unclear:

Found in the Restrictions section:
Applicants may submit only one grant application per grant review.

Sometimes the “applicant” is the institution (UF) and sometimes it’s the individual. It depends!

In this case, the applicant is an individual, not the institution. As a result, multiple applications can go forward from UF, but each individual (faculty member) can submit only one application per grant review.
InfoReady Review is the web portal used by the Division of Research Program Development for the submission, review and processing of internal applications for:

1. Limited submission programs
2. Seed grant programs funded by the Office of Research

Faculty and staff will need to log into the system using their Gatorlink credentials.

Large Proposal Support/Coordination

DRPD provides support to faculty submitting complex multi-investigator, multidisciplinary proposals, involving collaborations among several units at UF and/or other universities.

These services include:

- **Building a competitive proposal team**: Recommending partnerships to bring needed complementary expertise to the proposal

- **Coordinating proposal preparation**: Setting team meeting schedules, setting a writing schedule/timeline, keeping the team on track/on task

- **Assisting in the preparation of administrative (non-technical) sections of the proposal**: Gathering relevant institutional information, resources sections, management plans, data sharing plans, generating conflict of interest lists

- **Collecting and formatting proposal documents**: proposal narrative sections, biosketches and/or current & pending support documents
Common support elements (cont.)

- **Providing graphics assistance**: Providing access to a graphic designer for complex figures

- **Reviewing and editing**: Non-technical editorial-level review in house (to one-voice the proposal); coordinating scientific review – by internal and external experts

- **Assisting with letters of support**

DRPD also maintains web pages with resources for [grantsmanship](#) and [institution-specific boilerplate information](#).

Please contact our office for assistance at [programdevelopment@research.ufl.edu](mailto:programdevelopment@research.ufl.edu).