Apply to External Research Funding

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Reasons to Apply for Research Funding

- Travel to research sites/ fieldwork
- Books/ journal subscriptions
- Data collection and preparation/ data analysis
- Software or equipment
- Costs in preparation of the final dissertation document
- Fellowships to cover living costs while completing a dissertation
- Partnering with a faculty member on their grant application/ project

Find Funding

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graduate/funding-graduate-students

Pivot Funding Database

The UO has a subscription to the online funding database tool, Pivot, that allows you to:

- Create targeted saved searches
- Search for UO internal grants and external grants
- Receive email alerts of funding opportunities that align with your research
- Find UO deadlines for limited submission grants

Prestigious Fellowships

A curated list of nationally competitive, highly prestigious fellowships that support dissertation or laboratory research that qualify for institutional support.

Proposal Writing Resources for Graduate Students

Applying for Funding Webinars

Videos to help students at various funding search and application stages.

Ways to Improve Proposal Writing Skills

Resources to support the new grant writer in learning the style and technique for this specialized writing.

Specialized Proposal Prep Resources

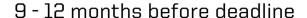*Internal UO resources available to improve proposals.*

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General Grant Planning & Writing Timeline

9 - 12 months before deadline

- Explore what aspect of your research could benefit from external funding.
- Conduct a funding search using Pivot and track potential opportunities.
- Consider collaborators needed for success. Contact them and share your broad ideas to begin collaborative planning.
- Discuss project plan with advisor, PI or graduate director.

1 - 2 months before deadline

- Begin drafting application.
- Work with SPS to complete any necessary registrations (e.g., NSF or NIH ID, EPCS login).
- Begin iterative reviews/ critique of narrative with RD.
- Work with RDS to get letters of institutional support (as applicable).
- Develop budget with your DGA, and begin an EPCS record.
- Consider using External Reviewer funds to have a content expert review your narrative for discipline specific issues.

3 - 6 months before deadline

- Write a 1-page research plan to share with funder to ensure fit with their program.
- If you are applying to a private foundation (non-federal funder), contact FR.
- Read (and re-read) the funding solicitation.
- Reach out to RDS for one-on-one support for application.
- Download relevant templates and checklists from RDS website.
- Contact your DGA to start budget development.
- Contact RCS and/or IACUC regarding human subjects/ animal research.

2 weeks before deadline

- Submit budget to SPS for approval (at least 6-8 business days before deadline).
- Continue RDS review/critique of materials as applicable.
- Upload material into any online funder-portals, with DGA help.
- Submit proposal (SPS directly submits all federal, and some private, grant applications.

Key

DGA: Departmental Grant Administrator
FR: Foundation Relations Office
IACUC: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
RCS: Research Compliance Services
RDS: Research Development Services
SPS: Sponsored Project Services

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