How do I search for funding opportunities?
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

• Create a profile in SPIN (Sponsored Projects Information Network) though InfoEd

• Visit the Falvey Library Guide

• Grants.gov Basic Search

• Check sponsor websites and sign up for communications from sponsors

• Consult with your Mentor, Chair, and Dean!

• How are your Peers funded?

• Use Agency specific reporting sites
Create a SPIN profile through InfoEd
SPIN at InfoEd

• Go to OG&C Website: https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/research-administration/grants-contracts.html

• Click on “Find Research Opportunities” on the left

• Click on “go to InfoEd”

• Click on “CLIENT LOGIN TO: SPIN"

• If you are logged into VU's web server, clicking SPIN will bring you to the SPIN grant search engine.
In the search field, type ECONOMICS. Click “Locate Funding”.  
- This will yield over 1,000 opportunities.
- Scroll through the list to see the opportunities

To add filters to the search criteria, under the search field, click on “Click here to edit them.”
- Click on Applicant Type
- Click the arrow next to Organization Applicant
  - Academic or Educational Organization
  - Higher Education
  - College or University – move this to filter box
- Click “Save and Exit”

Click “Back to Previous Page”
- Search results reduced to just over 700 opportunities.
To add filters to the search criteria, under the search field, click on “Click here to edit them.”

- Click on Application Location
- Click the arrow next to Americas
  - Northern America
  - United States – move this to the filter box
- Click “Save and Exit”

Click “Back to Previous Page”

- Search results reduced to just over 600 opportunities

In the search field, type ECONOMICS and ENVIRONMENT. Click “Locate Funding”.

- Search results reduced to just over 200 opportunities
Find Research Opportunities

SPIN: VU's Grant Search Engine

The Office of Grants and Contracts grants faculty access to SPIN (Sponsored Projects Information Network), a powerful grant search engine for use by experienced faculty and newcomers alike.

To access SPIN, go to InfoEd and look toward the top of the page where it reads "Client Login." If you are logged into VU's web server, clicking SPIN will bring you to the SPIN grant search engine.

SPIN works like any other web search engine, using keywords to search a database, in this case a diverse database of grant opportunities pulled from federal/state agencies and private foundations. We recommend using the advanced search options to narrow down to your discipline. Also remember that some grant announcements are presented to a general audience, and may be no more specific than requesting proposals for STEM related projects!

If you require assistance in using this tool, please contact the Office of Grants and Contracts.
### Results Found: 611

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPIN ID</th>
<th>Opportunity Title</th>
<th>Sponsor Name</th>
<th>Sponsor Number</th>
<th>Deadline Date</th>
<th>Funding Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>064106</td>
<td>Economic Development Assistance Programs - Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs</td>
<td>Economic Development Administration/Department of Commerce</td>
<td>EDAP2017</td>
<td>Continuous Submission</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>075305</td>
<td>Research and National Technical Assistance FY19-FY20</td>
<td>Economic Development Administration/Department of Commerce</td>
<td>EDA-HDG-RNTA-2018-2005669</td>
<td>Continuous Submission</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>014677</td>
<td>Economics Grants</td>
<td>Sloan (Alfred P.) Foundation</td>
<td></td>
<td>Continuous Submission</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>016332</td>
<td>Second Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award from The Rosenthal Family Foundation</td>
<td>American College of Physicians</td>
<td></td>
<td>01-Jul-2018</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>074866</td>
<td>Strengthening Women's Contribution to the Economy in the Middle East and North Africa</td>
<td>Department of State</td>
<td>SFOP0005119 [Limited Submission]</td>
<td>10-Jul-2018</td>
<td>1,500,000.00 USD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You have additional filters active. Click here to edit them.
This is used to determine which attributes the sponsor will require of an applicant. There are descriptors for both individuals and organizations. Select all that apply. If nothing is selected, the system will not filter on this field.

**SPIN Category Filters**

**Applicant Type Options**
- Individual Applicant
- Organization Applicant
  - Academic or Educational Organization
    - Higher Education Institution
    - Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
    - Minority Institution or Organization
    - Precollegiate Institution
    - State and Local Education Agencies (SEA/LEA)
  - Organization Miscellaneous Attributes
  - Professional Organization

**Chosen Applicant Type Restrictions**
- Organization Applicant
  - Academic or Educational Organization
  - College or University

**Search Options**
- Limit search
- Limit search to US Federal Opportunities
- Limit search to Limited Submission Opportunities
- Select Current
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPIN ID</th>
<th>Opportunity Title</th>
<th>Sponsor Name</th>
<th>Sponsor Number</th>
<th>Deadline Date</th>
<th>Funding Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>017371</td>
<td>Economic Development Initiative</td>
<td>Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>049063</td>
<td>Building Resilient Economies Grant Programme</td>
<td>Friends Provident Foundation</td>
<td></td>
<td>02-Jul-2018</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>064106</td>
<td>Economic Development Assistance Programs -- Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs</td>
<td>Economic Development Administration/Department of Commerce</td>
<td>EDAP2017</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>075305</td>
<td>Research and National Technical Assistance FY18-FY20</td>
<td>Economic Development Administration/Department of Commerce</td>
<td>EDA-HDG-RNTA-2018-2005669</td>
<td>Continuous Submission</td>
<td>Not Specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>014677</td>
<td>Economics Grants</td>
<td>Sloan (Alfred P.) Foundation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Visit the Falvey Library Guide:

Nonprofits and Philanthropies

https://library.villanova.edu/research/subject-guides/graduate-business/nonprofits-and-philanthropies
NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPIES

BEST PLACES TO START

Chronicle of Philanthropy  The leading trade publication for charitable organizations. Turn to this publication to find job postings, sector statistics and reports and analysis. Read it or search it to find out about trends and developments. Subscription content only available to Villanova community members.

Urban Institute Nonprofits  Nonpartisan research, evaluation and assistance organization.

National Center for Charitable Statistics  Generate statistical tables on public charities and private foundations.
DIRECTORIES

Use these directories to identify sources for grants, identify foundations and verify public charities status.

Foundation Directory Online Professional  The key resource for grant seekers and information about foundations. It offers subscribers the best search engine for grants and grantmakers. Non-profit literature is also indexed and many reports written by Foundation Center experts are included. Use it to find out about employment opportunities as well.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  Provides detailed information on over 2000 federal assistance programs open to local and state governments, organizations both profit and non-profit as well as individuals.

State Grant Sites  Index to state web sites for grants.

IRS Publication 78, Cumulative List of [Charitable] Organizations  Use this to find out of an organization is a federal charity qualified to accept tax deductible donation.

Charity Navigator  Organization devoted to making balanced evaluations of charitable organizations  freely available.

Grants.gov  Portal for finding and applying for federal grants.
Foundation funding for Education in Pennsylvania

Search Tutorials and Help
Need a refresher or some help getting started with your searches? The FDO Help section includes brief search tutorials to get you oriented with index menus, Boolean searches, and more. Check these out along with the basic and advanced search guides and video guided tours.

Eye on FDO
Eye on FDO is the official blog of Foundation Directory Online. Visit often to stay current on everything FDO.
Visit Eye on FDO →
Grants.gov Basic Search
Apply Using Workspace

Grants.gov Workspace enables you and your colleagues to fill out webforms and apply together. Create a workspace for an open funding opportunity to begin.

Apply for a Grant Using Workspace »
### Opportunity Status
- Forecasted (134)
- Posted (2,534)
- Closed (2,230)
- Archived (44,025)

### Funding Instrument Type
- All Funding Instruments
- Cooperative Agreement (905)
- Grant (1,895)
- Other (70)
- Procurement Contract (42)

### Eligibility
- All Eligibilities
  - City or township governments (1,159)
  - County governments (1,867)
  - For profit organizations other than small businesses (1,131)
  - Independent school districts (70)

### Category
- All Categories
  - Affordable Care Act (1)
  - Agriculture (53)
  - Arts (see 'Cultural Affairs' in CFDA) (15)
  - Business and Commerce (20)

### Basic Search Criteria
- Keyword(s):
- Opportunity Number:
- CFDA:

### Sorted Results
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Opportunity Number</th>
<th>Opportunity Title</th>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Opportunity Status</th>
<th>Posted Date</th>
<th>Close Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VA-HRTG-NEW-2018</td>
<td>Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas</td>
<td>VA-CBO</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2019</td>
<td>03/05/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>006-FY2018</td>
<td>&quot;NIGHT AT THE MUSEUMS&quot; CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM</td>
<td>DOS-BIH</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/00/2019</td>
<td>07/00/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ED-GRANTS-050618-001</td>
<td>Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program CFDA Number 84.016A</td>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>07/26/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000085</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU</td>
<td>DOI-.USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000069</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Desert Southwest CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>07/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000070</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, South Florida-Caribbean CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/22/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000064</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Colorado Plateau CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000067</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, North and West Alaska CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000065</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Rocky Mountain CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000063</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Lakes Northern Forests CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000062</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Rocky Mountain CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000061</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Rivers CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAU-90016CA00001</td>
<td>Young Transatlantic Leader Exchange: Entrepreneurship and Innovation</td>
<td>DOS-AUT</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>07/15/2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G18AS000060</td>
<td>Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Southern CESU</td>
<td>DOI-USGS1</td>
<td>Posted</td>
<td>06/06/2018</td>
<td>06/20/2018</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Check out the Grants Learning Center at Grants.gov!
Check sponsor websites and sign up for communications from sponsors
SPONSORS

Sponsor and Funder websites offer a lot of helpful information about:

- Goals and specific funding priorities
- Eligibility criteria
- Opportunities to apply
- Due dates
- Funding limits
- Guidelines and instructions
- Awards already made
- Contact information

All helpful information when narrowing your search! Contact sponsors to make sure your project aligns with their opportunities.

Search for specific sponsors, check out their websites, and sign up for their listservs.
Some sponsors/funders have very general opportunities AND opportunities for a much more narrowly defined area. When looking at sponsor websites look at both opportunities.

For example:
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) have different types of opportunities:
• Requests for Applications (RFAs)
  • Solicit applications in a well-defined scientific area to accomplish specific program objectives
  • Indicate the amount of set-aside funds and anticipated number of awards
• Program Announcements (PAs)
  • Encourages applications for a new or ongoing extramural activity or program
  • Formerly termed “unsolicited” applications
  • PAS - PA with set-aside funds
  • PAR - PA with special receipt, referral and/or review considerations

Your mentor, Chair, Dean can help you determine which might be the most appropriate. Reaching out to the program officer is usually recommended, as well.
Here are some examples of specific funder websites and opportunities to sign up for regular communications:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - electronic Research Administration (eRA)  
    https://era.nih.gov/about_era/get_connected.cfm  
  - NIH Extramural Nexus listserv https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/subscribe/  
  - Weekly NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices (Guide TOC – Table of Contents)  
    https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm

- National Science Foundation (NSF)  
  - https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNSF/subscriber/new

- US Department of Agriculture  

- Environmental Protection Agency  
  - https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/research-grants-fellowship-and-sbir-listserv
Talk to your Mentor, Chair, Dean, and Peers!

Check sponsor websites for their funding history!
University Leadership:
Schedule time to talk to your Mentor, Chair, and Dean. They have a deeper understanding of your research interests and can guide you towards other resources.

These discussions will help investigators understand the department/college’s research vision and mission so that grant efforts are strategically aligned.

Searching your Peers’ Activity:
Identify your peers in your research area and find out how their activities are funded (see funding acknowledgements in publications and poster presentations).

Agency and Sponsor Websites:
Some federal funding agencies have sites where you can search for your peers’ funded awards.
TIPS FROM THE PROS

• Invest the time into finding the right funding source and opportunity.
• Do not artificially force your project/research into a funding opportunity. Make sure it is a good fit for the program objectives.
• More narrowly defined opportunities may be the better option, but make sure your project aligns with the opportunity.
• Follow the instructions! Some proposals go through an administrative review before getting to the reviewers. The proposal may be rejected if it does not conform to the instructions.
• When looking at funders’ websites, look at past awards/awardees to see what kinds of activities they support.
• A key collaboration may open additional funding opportunities for you. Engage your colleagues and collaborators EARLY!
• When reading peers’ publications, check the acknowledgment section. What funding supported this project?
• Look at peers’ websites. What kind of funding do they get?
The Office of Grants & Contracts (OG&C)
Middleton Hall, 1st Floor
(610) 519-4220
ResAdmin@villanova.edu

**Director**
Moira McAndrews
(610) 519-4220
Moira.McAndrews@villanova.edu

**Administrative Assistant II**
Holli Moore
(610) 519-4220
ResAdmin@villanova.edu

**Associate Director, Grants and Contracts**
Allison Lam
(610) 519-4223
Allison.Lam@villanova.edu

**Associate Director, Research Outreach and Faculty Support**
Martha O'Connor
(610) 519-4243
Martha.OConnor@villanova.edu

**Grants Specialist**
Candeth Washington
(610) 519-6126
Candeth.Washington@villanova.edu

**Senior Contracts Specialist**
Brett Regan
(610) 519-6127
Brett.Regan@villanova.edu