Finding Funding opportunities with PIVOT: Tools, Tips, and Pitfalls

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Agenda

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Sponsored Programs
Located in 207 Schwartz Center

-our role is to assist the Kent State University Community with searching for funding opportunities, proposal development and submission, and award administration.

https://www.kent.edu/research/sponsored-programs
How to Find Funding

$100.99B of funding is available!
Pivot Funding Overview

- Pivot (http://pivot.proquest.com) is one of the most comprehensive databases of funding opportunities available on the Web
  - Multi-disciplinary and multi-national in scope
  - All categories of sponsors, public and private
  - Wide variety of funding types (not just research)
  - Updated daily

- Two-pronged approach:
  - Funding opportunities
  - User profiles
Setting Up a Pivot Profile

Use only your Kent State email account to register!
Editing a Pivot Profile

Welcome, Cody

My Funding Opportunities

Tracked Opps
Saved Searches

My Profile & Groups

My Profile
Profile Proxies
Groups
My Preferences

Pivot Resources for Kent State Researchers

- Visit the Knowledge Center for "how to" documentation, such as
  - searching for Funding
  - building and maintaining your Profile

- Watch short YouTube videos to help you learn how to edit your profile, search for funding, set up alerts, and access other features.

- If you have questions, contact Pivot Support.
Editing a Pivot Profile

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The Homepage provides you with links to opportunity tracking tools, social features, and Helpful guides and support contacts.
The **Tracked Opps** provides you with lists of opportunities you have selected to be short-listed. High priority opportunities with their deadlines indicated.
Advisor uses your profile and search history to detect relevant funding opportunities.
Simple Search

Tips:

- Each word is looked for independently. So a search for baseball football returns items that match both words anywhere in the item. This is the same as searching for baseball AND football.
- Do not use the articles a, an, or the.
- Searches are case insensitive.
- With the exception of the hyphen, do not use punctuation marks (slashes, commas, and so forth). Punctuation marks may return erroneous results. This also applies to monetary amounts: leave out any commas or periods: use 10000 instead of $10,000.
- Use double quotes to search for an exact phrase. "baseball football" returns only items with those two words in sequence.
- baseball OR football returns items with either or both words.
- baseball NOT football returns items containing baseball but not containing football.
- bas* returns items with words that start with bas, such as baseball and basket.
- (gene w/2 mouse) OR "mouse genome" returns items that have the word gene within two words of the word mouse or that contain the exact phrase mouse genome.
Summary

• Spend the time learning the features of Pivot (Knowledge base and instructional videos)
• Avoid Simple Search
• Use Preset content areas (refine later)
• Set up Saved searches and e-mail notification
• Let Pivot get to know you!
• Build a community of Pivot users and share opportunities.
Questions?

Many Thanks!

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