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

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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

$pivot$ funding connected

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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
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.
The Simple Search interface is for basic searching. Entering free text in the text box will search all of the Funding Opportunities fields for your search criteria. Search by text, sponsor, or keyword.

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.
• 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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