FUNDING INSTITUTIONAL

Providing funding insights, opportunities, and discovery
to increase your grant success

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WHAT IS FUNDING INSTITUTIONAL?

Funding Institutional (FI), a product of Elsevier, is a searchable database that provides access to funding opportunities from a wide range of governmental and private sources. FI provides insight into the funding landscape by combining data on funding opportunities, funding agencies, and awarded grants.

Faculty, staff, and students can use FI to:

• Search and discover funding opportunities and new funding sources

• Save searches and set up alerts for funding opportunities of interest

• Track, manage, and share funding opportunities

• Identify potential collaborators by finding investigators that are securing grants in their field of interest

• Gain insights into the current funding trends of agencies

• View previously granted awards to help identify opportunities relevant to their research

GETTING STARTED

If you are a first-time user of FI, we encourage you to visit the web page below for login instructions. This page provides a visual step-by-step guide for account setup and first-time login, as well as an online version of Elsevier's Funding Institutional Users Manual for questions and helpful tips.

Visit https://www.uthsc.edu/research/development/extramural-funding/ funding-institutional.php

SUCCESSFUL SEARCHING TIPS

- **Start with the big picture-** To begin your search, use broad search terms including generic, non-medical, even colloquial terms. It's easier to filter out what you don't want.

  For example: if you are searching for funding related to *anemia*, try searching using terms like *hematology, blood diseases,* and *blood disorders.*

- **Use the asterisk (*)-** The asterisk acts as a wild card that broadens the search by finding words that start or end with the same letters. Use it with distinctive word stems to retrieve variations of a term with less typing.

  For example: **mature* will show results such as *immature, premature,* and *overmature*. *cardio** will return results for *cardiology, cardiovascular, cardiotoxicity*. **path** will return *pathway, pathogens, myopathies,* or *pathogenesis*

- **Use Phrase Match-** Phrase Match makes your keywords search more targeted. To locate results where the search terms appear together, enclose the phrase in double quotes.

  For example: *"stem cell"* returns only opportunities where the words *stem* and *cell* occur together, as a phrase. Without double quotes, a search for stem cell will return results with both words stem and cell, but not necessarily together.

- **Use filters-** Filters narrow or broaden a search. Particularly effective filters include *Research Discipline, Funding Type, Funder Country,* and *Citizenship*. Remember, search terms and filters can be removed if the results are too narrow.

- **Add rows with additional search terms and use Boolean operators-** Adding rows helps refine a search. If the results of an added row are unsatisfactory, remove it and try another term in its place.

  While adding additional search rows, use Boolean operators (*And, Or, And not*) to make your search more powerful. *And* narrows your search so you will see fewer funding opportunities, while *Or* broadens your search, resulting in more listed opportunities.

- **Discover relevant funding opportunities based on your Scopus profile-** By using FI's *Recommended Opportunities* tool, investigators can link their Scopus Profiles to FI resulting in the delivery of relevant funding opportunities based on their publication history.

- **Save your searches and set alerts-** By saving searches and setting alerts, users are automatically notified of new funding opportunities related to their saved searches. Alert frequency is adjustable (daily, weekly, monthly)

- **Check the funding agency's website-** The hyperlink (found on the FI opportunity page) routes directly to the specific funding opportunity on the funder's website where more detailed information can be found. If there are discrepancies between the announcements, always defer to information provided on the funder's website.

- **Ask for help...we are here to assist you-** The Office of Research Development wants to see you succeed! Let us help you discover how FI can meet your specific research funding needs. If you are stuck in a search or just can't seem to find what you are looking for, give us a call.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center **Office of Research Development (ORD)** works to establish and enhance interdisciplinary team science within and beyond UTHSC borders; offers proposal development services and resources to maximize competitiveness of extramural grant applications; enables the submission of proposals of the highest quality by administering the university's limited submission process; disseminates targeted funding opportunities to faculty; and hosts conferences and training events.

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