

FINDING FUNDING FOR YOUR RESEARCH

The most recent needs survey out of the Office of the Associate Dean showed 75% of the respondents interested in finding funding sources for their work. Therefore, we have developed a short summary of the best places to look for external support for your research.

1. Look over the Faculty Support resources in the Research tab of the COE website, <http://coe.ksu.edu/research/support>. Direct links to most of the resources are located on this page. In addition, other funding opportunities (for example, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation) are listed here when the office receives information about them.
2. Sign up for the weekly Funding Bulletin out of the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP). Contact Bev Page, bbpage@k-state.edu, to be put on the list.
3. Make an appointment to talk with Bev Page (above), bbpage@k-state.edu, about your topic. She has access to hundreds of resources from which she glens the information that goes in the Funding Bulletin. She will be glad to keep an eye out for potential sponsors of your work.
4. Sign up for Pivot, which is purchased by the university. Thousands of funding opportunities are listed on a database that can be searched by funder and by text. Pivot also helps you find experts in your field or in an area in which you are looking for collaborators. Go to <http://pivot.cos.com>. This is an excellent resource; it has information about medium and larger foundations as well as government agencies and associations.
5. Sign up for alerts from government agencies at <http://grants.gov>. This includes all agencies. Or you can sign up for alerts from individual agencies, such as <http://nsf.gov> and <http://ed.gov>.
6. Learn about the many resources at the K-State Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, www.k-state.edu/research/preaward/
7. Sign up for the ORSP listserv by emailing listserv@ksu.edu
8. For foundations, do a search for the type of work you are seeking to fund. For example, if you search “foundations that fund higher education projects”, you will get information about the Dayton Foundation, the Hearst Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and many more.
9. You could look at The Chronicle of Philanthropy (<http://philanthropy.com>) for information about foundations, organizations and corporations. The Foundation Center (<http://foundationcenter.org>) has some information you can access without joining. The library subscribes to The Foundation Directory Online.