## Ways to Search for Funding Opportunities – Graduate Students

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<td>Look in messages from graduate program coordinator, departmental files, on bulletin boards, acknowledgements in dissertations, etc.</td>
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| **Personal Contacts** | Faculty, other research personnel, alumni, and graduate students are rich sources of information.  
- Find them in your own department, in your college, across the university, at professional meetings, and at other institutions.  
- Other researchers’ c.v.’s can yield interesting information as well – Who funded them? Where do they have proposals pending now? |
| **UNH Office of National Fellowships**  
[http://www.unh.edu/fellowships-office/](http://www.unh.edu/fellowships-office/) | Provides information (incl. searchable database, counsel, and editorial support to high achieving students applying for national and international fellowships and scholarships  
Includes list of opportunities, organized by student level and type of need  
[http://www.unh.edu/fellowships-office/scholarships-available](http://www.unh.edu/fellowships-office/scholarships-available) |
| **UNH Graduate School**  
[http://www.gradschool.unh.edu/grad_aid.php](http://www.gradschool.unh.edu/grad_aid.php) | Graduate Financial Aid – provides information about the forms of financial assistance that are available to graduate students through the Graduate School, the UNH Financial Aid Office, and individual departments, including eligibility requirements.  
Grad School also sends email messages with info about funding opportunities |
| **Research Office Web page: Finding Funding**  
[http://unh.edu/research/finding-funding](http://unh.edu/research/finding-funding) | A wide variety of resources on the OSR website for finding funding opportunities, including glossaries of commonly used terms in grant seeking and commonly used acronyms  
Primary audience is faculty, but many of the resources are useful to grad students as well |
| **Research Office Web page: Resources for Grad Students & Post-Docs**  
[http://www.unh.edu/research/resources-grad-students-post-docs](http://www.unh.edu/research/resources-grad-students-post-docs) | Links to a variety of resources specifically for grad students, including direct links to Federal agency programs  
This page has grad students as its primary focus |
| **SPIN Funding Opportunity Database**  
[https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/GridResults](https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/GridResults) | This subscription database contains information on Federal and non-Federal sponsors of all types  
Use Category Filters to select:  
- Applicant Type = Individual Applicant ; then select all parameters that describe you  
- Project Type = Individual Funding; then select all types that apply to your situation  
For access, use a UNH computer, or log into the UNH VPN or Blackboard from a personal computer before linking to SPIN |
| **Foundation Directory Online**  
[http://www.library.unh.edu/find/databases/subject/grants-%26-philanthropy](http://www.library.unh.edu/find/databases/subject/grants-%26-philanthropy) | The UNH Library’s subscription to the Foundation Directory Online at the Professional (all-inclusive) level provides access to information about more than 100,000+ foundations, corporate donors, and grantmaking public charities  
Searches can be defined by topic, geographic location and other parameters.  
For access, use a UNH computer, log into the UNH VPN from a personal computer , or log into Blackboard before linking to the FDO |
| **Professional Journals** | Financial support for the research reported in journal articles usually is noted as a footnote to the title or in the “Acknowledgements” section, just before the “References Cited” section |
| **On-line Databases, Lists & University Websites** | Some excellent ones are listed on the Research Office web page:  
[Resources for Grad Students & Post-Docs](http://www.unh.edu/research/resources-grad-students-post-docs)  
Use Google or another internet search engine to find other sites. |
| **Grants.gov**  
[http://www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) | All Federal agency competitive grant announcements are posted on grants.gov (in addition to being listed on the agencies’ own agency websites and/or list-servs).  
Use the “Search Grants” tool to search by topic area, as well as by agency, date of publication, and other parameters. |
| **Internet search engines** | Use topic keyword, then semicolon, then “graduate” or “fellowship” or “dissertation” or “predoctoral” to search for graduate student support.  
Use topic keyword, then semicolon, then “grant” to search for research project support for faculty  
This type of broad search can be especially useful for multidisciplinary topics that are hard to describe using traditional categorizations or keywords.  
Quality of the results varies among search engines; Google works particularly well. |

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