

Funding Opportunity Search Resources – Focus Foundations

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Boston University/Charles River Campus:

- 1) Office of Sponsored Programs provides assistance to faculty in both the pre and post grant award periods, and administers this funding. All proposals from faculty on both the Charles River and Medical Campuses to external funders, both public and private, for grant support must adhere to OSP's policies and procedures. OSP/CRC also gathers, compiles, and maintains information on Funding Opportunities; OSP/MED does not: www.bu.edu/osp
 - a) On this website, under "Funding Opportunities", find PIVOT, (formerly Community of Science), which provides a comprehensive database of funding sources and opportunities as well as an expertise database to help users identify potential collaborators within BU and around the world. This website also allows users to set up automated customized funding alerts based on keywords and areas of interest.
Recommended. Attached: Instructions for use of PIVOT from both UC Berkeley and Washington University in St. Louis
 - b) Also find GrantForward, (formerly IRIS) which contains information on both federal and private grants and is searchable: <http://www.grantforward.com>
- 2) Office of Foundation Relations, CRC, manages relationships with private grant making foundations, not federal or other public grant makers, and assists senior administrators and faculty in securing funding for institutional priorities and high value projects:
<http://www.bu.edu/foundations/>

Boston University Medical Campus:

- 3) BUSM Office of Development, Foundation Relations, is staffed by two experienced individuals, Chris Bonner and David Gillerman, who provide assistance to administrators and faculty in identifying and seeking support from private foundations, societies and associations, and corporate foundations - but not federal or other public grant makers like the NIH - for institutional priorities and high value projects. FR also collaborates with Dean Antman and Associate Provosts Corley and Moore, and Department Chairs to bring information on funding opportunities to the faculty. <http://www.bu.edu/supportingbusm>
- 4) Office of the Associate Provost for Research (Ron Corley), in collaboration with Office of Development/Foundation Relations and Office of Corporate Communications, compiles and distributes the monthly Research Funding Opportunities Bulletin campus-wide, containing selected FOs supporting medical research and health programs with deadlines two months

out. The following new website includes the current and immediate past 12 monthly issues of the Bulletin: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/research/fundingops/> Should you want to join the distribution list, please contact Lisa Brown in BUMC Communications.

- 5) Associate Provost for Clinical Research (Tom Moore), in collaboration with Development/Foundation Relations, manages funding opportunities in which there is a limit to the number of submissions per institution, distributes information campus-wide on these opportunities, and conducts the internal selection process to identify which applicants will go forward to submission to the foundation; The Office of Clinical Research lists open competitions on this website: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ocr/funding-announcements-2>
Attached: List of Funding Announcements (1/25/13) and description of selection process.

External Sources of Information on Grants

- 6) Duke University - Office of Sponsored Programs - maintains an up to date, very comprehensive, highly searchable database of information on all types of grants and other funding – *top pick to invest time to research funding opportunities*:
<https://researchfunding.duke.edu> (note the https)
- 7) UC Berkeley – another very useful website listing grants and compiling some according to eligibility like: Young and New Faculty Grants; Women and Minorities Grants; Equipment Grants; Postdoc Funding in the Biosciences; Graduate Research Fellowships, etc:
<http://vcresearch.berkeley.edu/funding-opportunities> Attached: a list of grants by eligibility and information on a range of funding alert services – general and federal.
- 8) Foundation Center is a central clearing house for information on private foundations, and other grant making charities, also publishes weekly eNewsletters (Philanthropy News Digest, or PND) on grants awarded and newly released RFPs and can be found here:
<http://foundationcenter.org>
- 9) ScanGrants is a public service listing of grants and other funding types to support health research, programs and scholarship, searchable by topic area – limited, not comprehensive:
<http://scangrants.com>
- 10) Guidestar is a public service providing free access to the PF 990 annual reports to the IRS that each charity (foundations, associations, societies but not corporations) must make listing total assets, total grants and contributions made, board of trustees, grantees and amount of the grant/s they received, sometimes project title, and sometimes application guidelines. Free registration. <http://www.guidestar.org>