

COS

What is it?

The Community of Science (COS) database contains grant, fellowship, and award opportunities from federal, non-federal, and international sources.

How do I search for funding?

To access COS, go to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) website and on the left navigation bar, click COS: <http://www.uwec.edu/orsp/>

Simple Search

In the blank text box, type a keyword or phrase; then click **COS Search**.

Advanced Search

Perform sophisticated searches on all fields in the database, including Activity Location (e.g., United States), Sponsor Type (e.g., federal, commercial), Requirements (e.g., applicant must be PhD), and Deadline.

1. Click the *Advanced Search* link.
2. From the *Fields* drop-down menu, select the field(s) where the search will look for your words (All, Sponsor, Title, Abstract).
3. In the blank text box, type a keyword or phrase.

NOTES:

- Words entered across the same row are separated by “or,” so you will get results containing either word.
 - Words entered down a column are separated by “and,” so you will get results containing both words.
4. Under *Search Fields*, complete the desired fields. Click on any linked item to make additional selections. Options include: Deadline, Internal Coordination, Amount, Keywords, Activity Location, Requirements, Citizenship or Residency, Funding Type, Sponsor Type.
 5. Under *Exclusion*, select the desired *Field* and type a keyword or phrase that you do not want to search on.
 6. Click **Search**.

Search Wizard

Click the *Search Wizard* link and answer a series of questions.

Funding Opportunities by Sponsor

Under *View Funding Opportunities*, select *Funding Opportunities by Sponsor*. An alphabetized list of All Sponsors, US Federal Sponsors, or Non-US Federal Sponsors appears. Select a sponsor to view the opportunities offered.

What are some search tips?

Basic or Advanced Search: Keywords

You can use several tricks when specifying keywords:

- Type only part of the keyword to get associated keywords. For example, type “biol” to get results for “biology” and “biological.”
- To search for an exact phrase, but quotes around the phrase (e.g., “world war”).

Advanced Search

- Click the *Keywords* link to view keywords sorted by discipline/area of interest. Select the *Explode* check box to include all sub-categories for the keywords you select.
- Click *Deadlines* to specify a date range for opportunity deadlines.

What should I look for in the full program information?

TIP: Hover the mouse over a program to see the Abstract, Eligibility, and URL.

- Amount/Amount Note: Find the award amount, duration, indirect cost, matching.
- Activity Location: Check if any geographical restrictions (e.g., Wisconsin only).
- Requirements/Requirements: Verify qualification (e.g., academic institution).
- Abstracts: See a summary of the funding opportunity.
- COS Keywords: Get ideas for additional keywords to incorporate in your original search.

How do I print my search results?

1. Click the check box next to programs you want to print.
2. Near the top of the screen, select *Download Citations*.
3. Specify which programs to download, the format, and content.
TIP: To print a record of the search selections you made, select the *Include search strategy* check box.
4. Click **Download**.