

SPIN

What is it?

Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) is a funding database, including federal, non-federal, and international opportunities.

How do I search for funding?

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

Quick Search

1. In the *Quick Search* text box, type the word(s) you want to search.
2. From the *Find* drop-down menu, select All Words (AND logic), Any Words (OR logic), or Exact Phrase.
3. From the in *Fields...* drop-down menu, select the field(s) where the Quick Search will look for your words (Title, Objectives, Synopsis, or All).
4. From the *Return Results* drop-down menu, select the number of results you would like to view per page.
5. From the in *Database Type...* drop-down menu, specify the country database to search in.
6. From the *Sort Order* drop-down menu, choose the order in which to sort your search results (Program Number, Program Title, Deadline Dates, Sponsor Name).
7. Click **Search**.

Advanced Search

Perform sophisticated searches on all fields in the database, including Geographic Restrictions (e.g., Wisconsin only), Sponsor (e.g., specific sponsor names), Target Groups (e.g., minorities), and Deadlines.

1. Click linked categories to make additional selections.
2. Type a word or phrase in free text fields.
3. Make selections from drop-down menus.
4. Click **Run Search**.

Search within a Search

After performing an initial search, narrow your results by specifying additional criteria. At the bottom of the SPIN Search Results page:

1. Type additional information in the free text field.
2. From the in *Fields...* drop-down menu, select the field(s) to search in (Title, Objectives, Synopsis, or All).
3. Select the *Search Within Existing Results* radio button.
4. Click **Search SPIN**.

Keyword Rapid Search

Keywords in a SPIN program are linked. Click on a keyword to get search results for other programs containing that keyword.

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, put quotes around the phrase (e.g., “continuing education”).
- Type “and” between keywords to get results containing both words (e.g., music and theater).
- Type “or” between keywords to get results containing either word. Also use “or” between two or more words (e.g., conflict or war or battle).
- Type “not” to exclude the word following “not” (e.g., biology not cells).

Advanced Search

- Click the *Keywords* link to view keywords sorted by discipline/area of interest.
- Click the *Sponsors* link to select opportunities from a specific funder (e.g., National Science Foundation).
- Click *Deadlines* to specify a date range for opportunity deadlines.

What should I look for in the full program information?

- Program Information = Review indirect costs, cost sharing, duration.
- Applicant Types = Look for “Colleges/Universities.”
- Geographical Restrictions = Verify there are no restrictions or Wisconsin is included.
- Synopsis = See a summary of the funding opportunity.
- Objectives = Review detailed information regarding the types of activities supported by the funding opportunity.
- Funding = Find the award amount, duration, indirect cost, matching.
- Keywords = Click on a keyword to generate a new search on the word. Or, get ideas for additional keywords to incorporate in your original search.

How do I print or save my search results?

1. Click the check box next to programs you want to print.

OR

Under *Report Options* at the bottom of the screen, use the *Select All Programs* options.

2. Under *Report Options* at the bottom of the screen, select the desired print *Destination Options* (Display to Browser/Print or Save To File)
3. Click **Build**.
4. A report with the programs you selected is generated.