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Using Grant Databases to Find Funding Opportunities

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Agenda and learning outcomes

- Locate grant research sources on the library homepages
- Be able to access and run a search in the SPIN database
- Recall how to set up SPIN funding alerts
- Learn how to search the Foundation Directory Online



Library homepage & links for access

- Grant Research Guide link: [Grants for Research - Grants - Research Guides at East Carolina University Libraries \(ecu.edu\)](#)
- Libraries link: [Libraries | Information | ECU](#)
- Databases: [Database List - ECU Libraries](#) & [List of Grant Databases](#)
- SPIN: <https://lib.ecu.edu/databases/go/547>
- Foundation Directory Online: <https://lib.ecu.edu/databases/go/191>
- Library catalog: <https://librarycatalog.ecu.edu/>



SPIN -Entry

- Library website entrance
- Registration with ECU email
- Setting account after approval

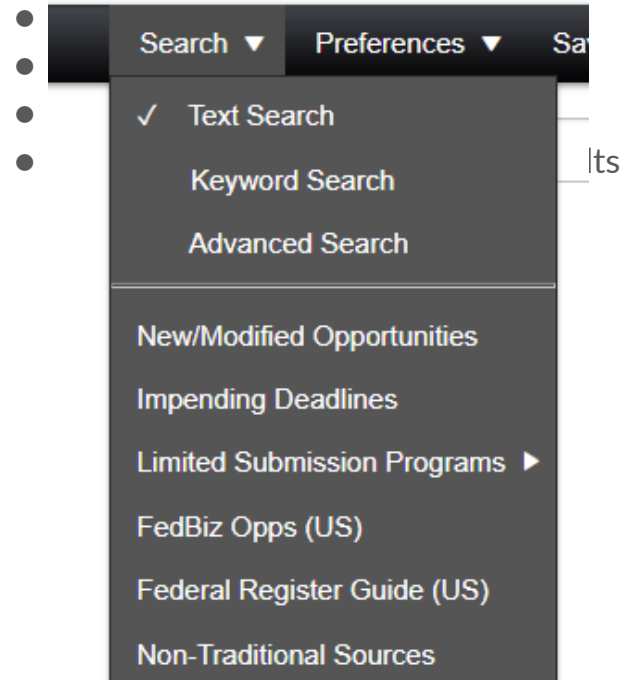


One Search for articles, books, & more ...

[Library Catalog](#) | [Database List](#) | [Google Scholar](#) | [E-Journal/E-Book Ports](#)

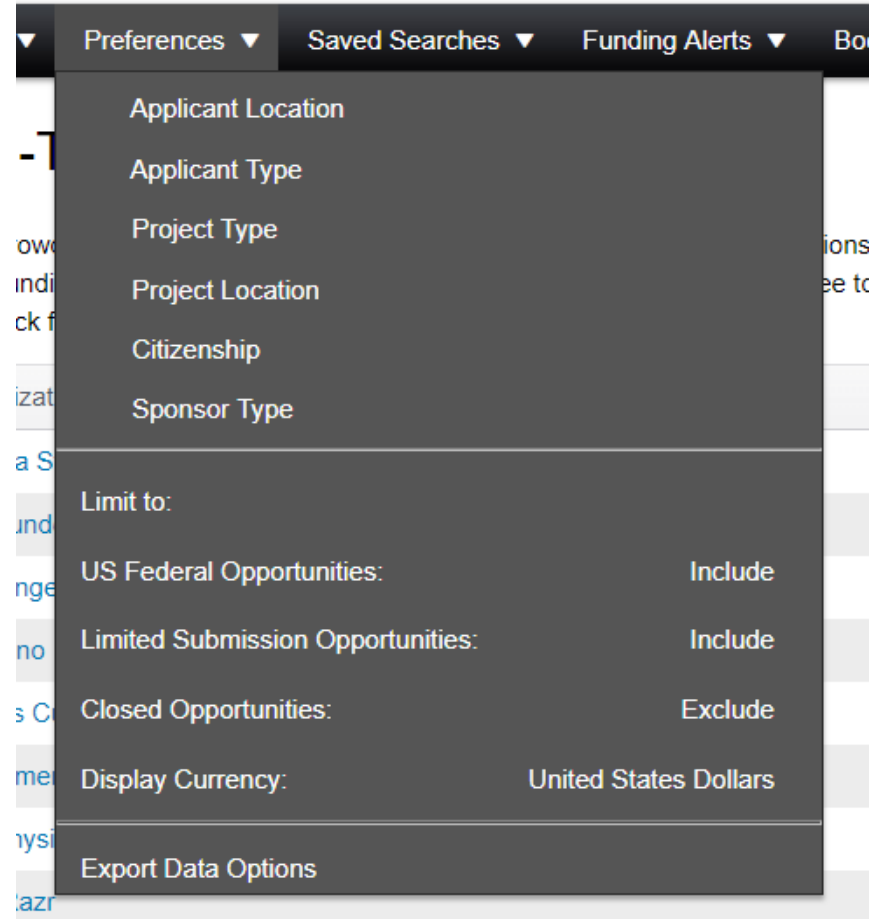
SPIN -Search

- Different search types
- Predefined search

A screenshot of the SPIN search interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with three items: "Search" with a dropdown arrow, "Preferences" with a dropdown arrow, and "Save" partially visible. Below the "Search" dropdown, a menu is open, listing several search options: "Text Search" (with a checkmark), "Keyword Search", "Advanced Search", "New/Modified Opportunities", "Impending Deadlines", "Limited Submission Programs" (with a right-pointing arrow), "FedBiz Opps (US)", "Federal Register Guide (US)", and "Non-Traditional Sources". To the left of the menu, there are four black circular bullet points. To the right of the menu, the text "Its" is partially visible.

A short horizontal bar with a teal-to-orange gradient.

SPIN -Search Preference

A screenshot of a web application's navigation menu. The 'Preferences' dropdown is open, showing a list of search filters and options. The background is a dark grey, and the text is white. The menu items are: Applicant Location, Applicant Type, Project Type, Project Location, Citizenship, Sponsor Type, Limit to: (with sub-options for US Federal Opportunities, Limited Submission Opportunities, and Closed Opportunities), Display Currency: (set to United States Dollars), and Export Data Options.

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- Saved Searches ▼
- Funding Alerts ▼
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- Applicant Location
- Applicant Type
- Project Type
- Project Location
- Citizenship
- Sponsor Type

Limit to:

- US Federal Opportunities: Include
- Limited Submission Opportunities: Include
- Closed Opportunities: Exclude

Display Currency: United States Dollars

Export Data Options



SPIN -Management

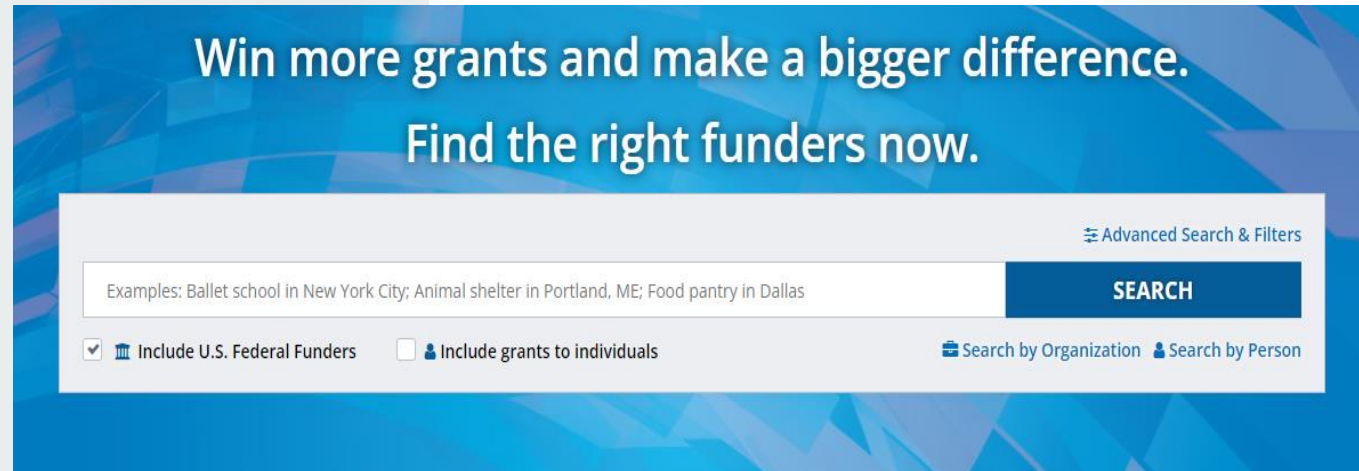
- Saved search
- Bookmark

- Saved Search - Opportunity group
- Bookmark - Single opportunity
- Funding Alert - Bond with saved search

Foundation Directory Online

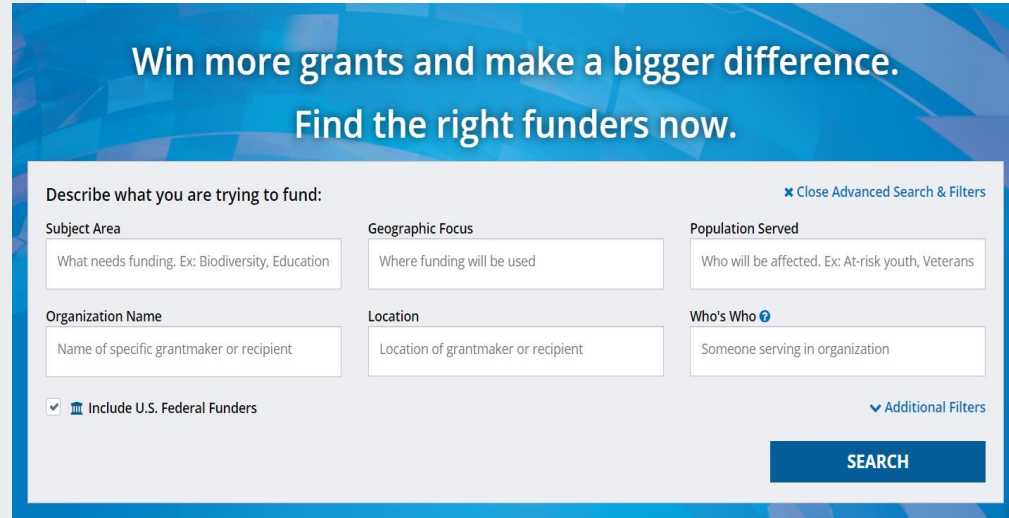
- Database List in Joyner Library website;
- Historic grants records with details


- Find Funding
- Pathways
- Resources

A screenshot of the Foundation Directory Online search interface. The background is a blue geometric pattern. At the top, the text reads "Win more grants and make a bigger difference. Find the right funders now." Below this is a search bar with a light gray background and a dark blue "SEARCH" button. The search bar contains the text "Examples: Ballet school in New York City; Animal shelter in Portland, ME; Food pantry in Dallas". To the right of the search bar is a link for "Advanced Search & Filters". Below the search bar are two checkboxes: "Include U.S. Federal Funders" (checked) and "Include grants to individuals" (unchecked). At the bottom right, there are two links: "Search by Organization" and "Search by Person".

Foundation Directory Online

- Practice search for grantmakers and grants
- Seek support from the Office of [Corporate and Foundation Relations](#) at ECU_CFR@ecu.edu

A screenshot of the Foundation Directory Online search interface. The header is blue with white text: "Win more grants and make a bigger difference. Find the right funders now." Below the header is a search form with the following fields:

- Describe what you are trying to fund:** (header text)
- Subject Area:** Text input field with placeholder "What needs funding. Ex: Biodiversity, Education"
- Geographic Focus:** Text input field with placeholder "Where funding will be used"
- Population Served:** Text input field with placeholder "Who will be affected. Ex: At-risk youth, Veterans"
- Organization Name:** Text input field with placeholder "Name of specific grantmaker or recipient"
- Location:** Text input field with placeholder "Location of grantmaker or recipient"
- Who's Who:** Text input field with placeholder "Someone serving in organization"
-  Include U.S. Federal Funders
- [Close Advanced Search & Filters](#) (top right)
- [Additional Filters](#) (bottom right)
- SEARCH** button (bottom right)



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