Show Me the Money:

Using COS Pivot to Find Funding Opportunities in the Biomedical Sciences

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Workshop Objectives

- Review the services and resources of OVPR.
- Discuss and demonstrate web-based funding databases
 - Set up a COS Pivot account and run through its features.
- Briefly review other funding opportunities search resources relevant to biomedical sciences.
- · Discuss search strategies.
- Discuss how to get grant search assistance at VCU.

VCU Research Development Services

- · Assistance in locating funding.
- Assistance in identifying campus resources.
- Assistance in building collaborations.
- Proposal development assistance and editing.
 - Interdisciplinary and collaborative opportunities
 - New and early-stage faculty
- Provision of "template language" and research statistics.
- · Proposal submission assistance.

Office of Research Website

- Descriptions of all training and workshop offerings.
- Access to funding opportunities databases.
- Enhanced proposal preparation tools.
 - Award databases, collaboration tools
 - Sample funded proposals
 - · Grant writing guides
- Internal funding opportunities listing.
- Research policies and procedures.

http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/resources/index.htm

Prepare for Your Search

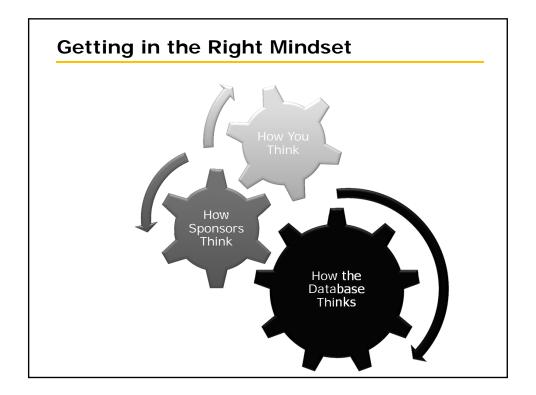
- Write a lay-language prospectus.
 - Keywords, target population, methodologies, areas of innovation, collaborating disciplines, outcomes and impact.
- Determine type of funding needed.
- · List priorities.
- Consider timing and deadlines.



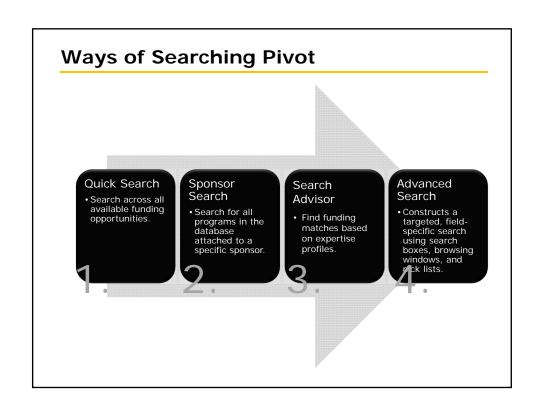
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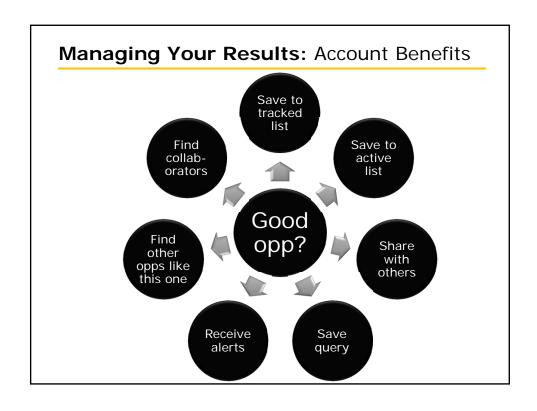
- 26,000+ funding opportunities worth \$33 billion
- 3 million+ expert profiles from around the world
- Updated daily by COS editors.
- Includes **solicited** grants, fellowships, and other awards.
 - Federal and private opportunities.
- Sign up for weekly alerts.
- For maximum capabilities, set up a Pivot account.

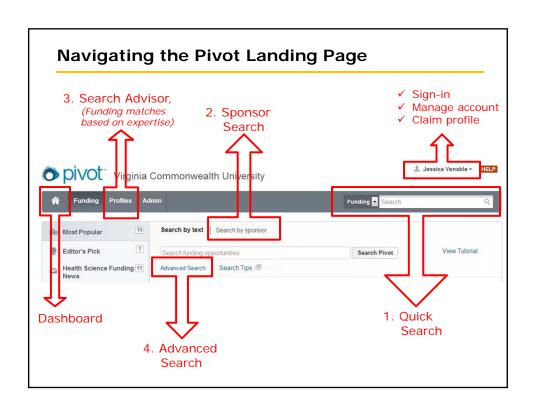
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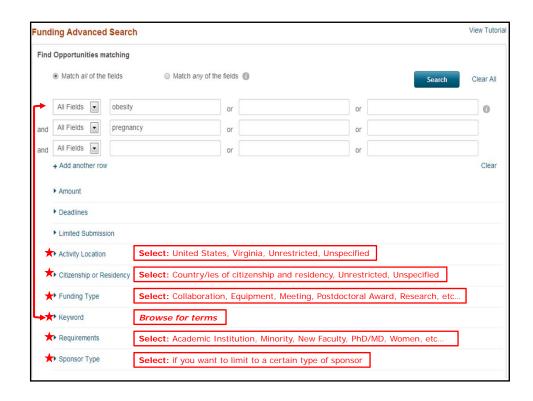


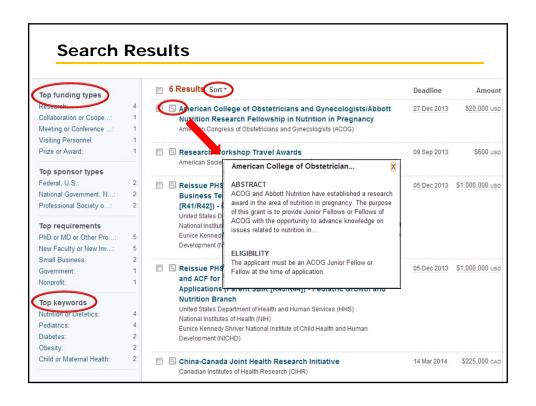
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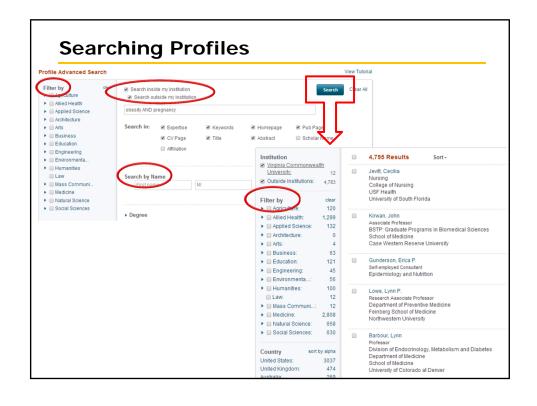


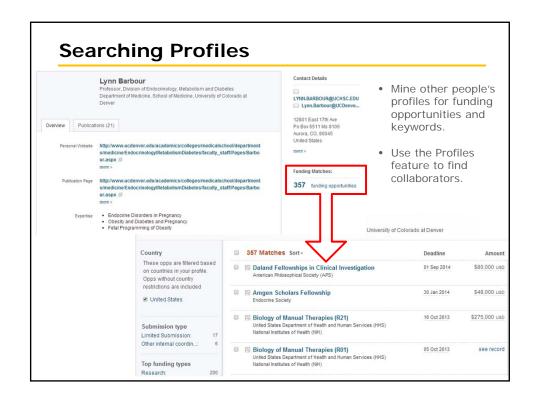


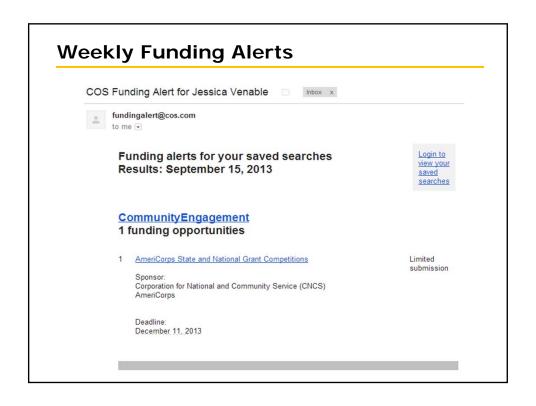












Tips for Using Pivot

- Consider also using "old" keywords.
- Look for keyword patterns.
- Pay attention to notes within individual records.
- Look for an opportunity you know and replicate its description.
- Look up your mentors' and colleagues' funding matches.
- Use notifications features (alerts come once a week).
- Use the Support Guides as needed.

Tips for NOT Using Pivot

- The database DOES NOT contain "everything."
- OR, the database does contain "everything," and we are not searching correctly.
- When searching for a particular opportunity, go to the source.
- There is no substitute for word-of-mouth.

Search Strategies

- Review the literature.
 - Emerging areas of study, opportunities for collaboration
 - Emerging sources of funding (check acknowledgements)
- Search for a funding opportunity that you know, then work backwards.
- Look for keyword patterns, ideas.
- Start broad, then narrow (especially for graduate funding).
- Explore alternative disciplines, think about where the money is.
- Think about characteristics of you.

Individual Grant Search Appointments

- MCV Campus Hunton Student Center, Room 209
 - · First Tuesday of the month
 - 9:00 am 2:00 pm
- Monroe Park Campus Honors College, Room 572
 - Fourth Wednesday of the month
 - 9:00 am 2:00 pm
- By Appointment Biotech One or 809 South Cathedral Place
- Can also arrange workshops for larger groups.

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