FUNDING RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

■ Provide an overview of sources and types of funding for research in the social and behavioral sciences;

■ Provide information on how to search for funding and introduce PIVOT;

■ Briefly review institutional procedures and resources for grant proposal development.
Overview

- Introductions
- Types of Funding
- How to Search for Funding
- How to Communicate with Program Officers
- Research Development/Proposal Support Available
- Campus Resources & Important Things to Be Aware of
The Grant Cycle

1. Define
2. Research
3. Prepare
4. Apply
5. Award
6. Manage
7. Closeout
Types of Funding

- **Grants**
  - provide $ to an eligible entity (e.g., university) for a designated investigator to carry out a specific project.

- **Fellowships**
  - provides support to an individual to conduct specific training, research, or creative activity.

- **Contracts**
  - a legally binding agreement to purchase or procure good or services
Sources of Funding

- Government – Federal, State, Local
- Foundations/Nonprofit Organizations
- For-Profit Businesses
Federal Agencies that Award Grants
(Not Exhaustive - 26 total)

- National Science Foundation
- National Institutes of Health
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Department of Commerce
- US Department of Defense
- US Department of Education
- US Department of Energy
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- US Department of Homeland Security
- US Department of Housing & Urban Development
- US Department of the Interior
- US Department of Justice
- US Department of Labor
- US Department of State
- US Department of Transportation
- US Department of Treasury
- US Department of Veteran’s Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- NASA
Foundations and Associations
(Not Exhaustive)

- William T. Grant Foundation
- Russell Sage Foundation
- Smith Richardson Foundation
- Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Social Science Research Council
- John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation
- American Council of Learned Societies
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- Ford Foundation
- The Spencer Foundation
- The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- American Sociological Association
- Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.
- Henry Luce Foundation
International Research & Education

- Institute for International Education (IIE.org)
  - a non-profit educational and cultural exchange organization established in 1919

- Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES.org)
  - Administers the Fulbright program for the US Department of State
  - Founded as a non profit organization in 1947 by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Social Science Research Council (SSRC), and American Council on Education (ACE)
  - Since 1996, has been the scholar division of the Institute of International Education
Foundation Sources

- UCI Libraries: Research Grant Resources

**Grant Resources**

Research Grant Resources: Grant Sources

Resources for identifying and writing research grants

URL: https://guides.lib.ucr.edu/researchgrants

- **Grant Search Tools**
  - Resources available to UC Irvine faculty, staff and students only.
  - Pivot: Pivot is a searchable database made available by the UCI Office of Research. It searches over $333 billion in global funding resources.
  - Dimensions: 128 million publications in various disciplines. No grant information (available only with subscription).
  - NSF (National Science Foundation) A-Z Index of Funding Opportunities
  - NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts
  - NIH Funding Opportunities (NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts)
  - Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools (RePORTER)
  - Grants.gov: Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 U.S. Government grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies and provides access to approximately $500 billion in annual awards.
  - CORDIS: Community Research and Development Information Service

- **How to Seek Funding**
  - Grant Writing Tips and Guides
  - Proposal Preparation at UCI
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<td>Pivot is a subscription based funding search tool—available to all UCI Faculty, Staff and Students courtesy of the Office of Research—featuring opportunities worldwide and across all disciplines. The tool is powerful and thus far the best tool we’ve found on the market for funding searches.</td>
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<td>FOUNDATION DIRECTORY</td>
<td>Foundation Directory is a database of over 140,000 grantmakers and their grants, including U.S. foundations, corporate giving programs, and grantmaking public charities, plus a growing number of non-U.S. grantmakers.</td>
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<td>YOUNG INVESTIGATOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (UCSD)</td>
<td>UCSD provides this excellent resource; a frequently updated and comprehensive list of funding opportunities geared toward early career faculty.</td>
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<td>GRAPES (UCLA Graduate Postdoctoral Extramural Support)</td>
<td>GRAPES is a database of extramural funding opportunities—625 private and publicly funded awards, fellowships, and internships—for prospective and current graduate students, students working on a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation, and postdoctoral scholars.</td>
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Search on the Go
Download the Grants.gov Mobile App to quickly search for and subscribe to funding opportunities.

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play
Introduction to Pivot Video on YouTube
Pivot home page
Pivot advanced search
How to Communicate with a Program Officer

- Do Your Homework: Read all available information on website first – Don’t ask questions about information that is readily available.

- Email. Don’t “cold call” unless it’s a quick question.

- Send a 1-page project prospectus with email and request appointment for follow up phone conference.

- Be aware of what information POs can/cannot provide.

- For foundations – contact Marge Brannon first to ascertain the proper procedure.
Proposal Support Available

**Social Sciences Research Development Services:**

- Individual/Group Consultations to Identify Funding Sources
- Project Conceptualization
- Proposal Development – including feedback on draft proposals; assistance interpreting reviews of unsuccessful proposals; assistance with supporting documents (e.g., data management plans, external evaluation; form templates); budget guidance
- Assistance with Broader Impacts
- Communication with program officers
- Assistance identifying collaborators and obtaining other support
- Team Science & Interdisciplinary Research Project Development
- Workshops for Faculty and Graduate Students
Support Available -continued

- **Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations:**
  - Individually tailored searches for funding opportunities
  - One-on-one assistance to set up Pivot to send funding opportunities directly to you
  - Funding opportunity alerts
  - Interpretation of guidelines
  - Detailed relationship histories of funding and contacts
  - Editing of letters, proposals, and lay abstracts
  - Provision of organizational documentation
Other Resources

- SS Research Development Web page: [https://www.researchdevelopment.socsci.uci.edu](https://www.researchdevelopment.socsci.uci.edu)
  - Links to grant proposal writing guides; workshop recordings; proposal submission guidelines
- Office of Research:
  - Editorial Assistance – Beth Riley
  - Other Resources - [https://fundopp.uci.edu/](https://fundopp.uci.edu/)
Important Things to Know

■ Institutional Procedures:
   – Work with appropriate School staff for university proposal submissions (Department Manager)
   – Notify School even if submitting fellowship applications individually

■ Limited Solicitations:
   – Entail internal competitions – need to work with OR Sponsored Projects Administration

■ Overseas Research and Foreign Collaborations:
   – MOUs require official signatures; be aware of Export Control Regulations
Proposal Development

1. Preparation with Department Manager (SS)
   - 4 Weeks prior to due date
   - advance notice required.

2. Kuali Research (KR)
   - PI
   - Chair
   - Dean or AD

What does ORA Review for Proposal Submissions?
- Budget & Justifications per sponsor guidelines
- Documents required per sponsor guidelines
- Will provide institutional cover letter and/or signature for approval and transmittal of online applications such as NSF Fastlane or Grants.gov
Upcoming Workshops – February is NSF Month

■ Introduction to NSF
  *February 5th ~ 1:00-2:15 PM*

■ How NSF Makes Awards
  *February 19th ~ 12:00-1:15 PM*

■ NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant Program
  *February 19th ~ 10:00-11:15 AM*

■ NSF CAREER Program
  *February 26th ~ 2:00-3:15 PM*

RSVP to Fran Hom (fhome@uci.edu) -- with name, department, email address
Thank you!

QUESTIONS??

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