GrantForward UseCase:
For Researchers

Learn Strategic Information

GrantForward provides various databases where you can learn strategic information for your award-seeking cycle, such as identifying and tracking relevant sponsors, finding upcoming grants, seeking experts/collaborators, getting proposal ideas/sample awards, or exploring what your peer researchers are getting awarded.

Find more GrantForward support materials, including those referenced here, as well as Guides, Administrator Tools, Tutorials, Use Cases, and Webinars at GrantForward.com/support.

1. Identify and Track Relevant Sponsors

To quickly find the grants that match your research interests, you may think of identifying relevant sponsors and tracking the funding opportunities from them.

- To identify the relevant sponsors, go to the **Search Sponsors** page under the **Sponsors** tab.

  - You can search for sponsors by using keywords that a relevant sponsor should have in its name. E.g., we want to find sponsors that are interested in projects on cancer.

  - You can search for specific types of sponsors that are relevant to your location by using both keywords and filters. E.g., we want to find state sponsors in Tennessee.

- To track your relevant sponsors (e.g., Tennessee State Government), you can follow the steps below:

  - Conduct a grant search: Go to the **Search Grant Opportunities** page and enter the sponsor's name in the **Sponsors** filter. You can add as many sponsors as you want.

  - Save the search: Just click on the **Save/Load** button at the top of the search result and select **Save a Search**. Name the saved search and set up the **Alert frequency** to receive daily, weekly, or monthly emails of new grant opportunities from these sponsors in your inbox.

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2. Find Upcoming Grants

You can search for grants that are coming up soon so that you will have sufficient time to find collaborators and prepare for your proposal.

- Go to the **Search Pre-solicitations** page under the **Pre-solicitations** tab.

- Search by keywords/phrases and other filters to refine your search. E.g., search "mental health" to see grants on mental health topics that will be published in the future.

3. Learn Funded Awards and Explore Potential Collaborators

By learning proposal ideas/sample awards and checking what your peer researchers are getting awarded, you can gain insights to make your proposals more competitive. You can also find potential experts/collaborators with the same research areas for a joint project in the future.

- Go to the **Search Awarded Projects** page under the **Awards** tab.

- Search by research topics to see what people proposed about certain research fields. E.g., search for ideas for your project on *"big data"*.

- Search by your peer researchers/institution's name to find out all the awards they were funded. E.g., search for what Professor *"Marc Snir"* is getting awarded.

- Search by your location's name and desired keywords to find collaborators with the same research fields near your area. E.g., search *"New York", justice,* to find PIs in New York State who have expertise in and were funded under justice subject.

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