

COS User Training
COS Webinar Recordings
Brief Product Overview
COS Funding Opportunities and Funding Alert Overview

- I. What's Covered in this Webinar
 - The Basics of the COS Database
 - The Background [what content is in the COS DB]
 - A Couple of Search Interfaces
 - How to Perform a Search
 - Searching and Saving Records
- II. COS URL
 - <http://fundingopps.cos.com/>
 - www.cos.com
 - FYI—if you are at an on-campus computer, you are not required to login, but if you are at a computer that is off-campus, login is required
- III. The COS Database
 - COS is a Database of ALL Disciplines A-Z
 - It is NOT Science-Specific or Medicine-Specific
 - There are Funding Opportunities for Arts; Humanities & Social Sciences; and also for the Hard-Core Sciences
- IV. Types of Grants Housed on COS Database
 - Research Grants
 - Travel Grants
 - Publishing Grants
 - Dissertation or Thesis Grants
 - Program or Curriculum Development or Provision
 - Training or Scholarship or Fellowship
 - Prize or Award
 - Postdoctoral award
 - Collaboration or Cooperative Agreement
 - Meeting or Conference or Seminar
 - Visiting Personnel
 - Artistic Pursuit
 - Contract or Tender
 - Equipment or Materials Acquisition or Facility Use
 - Facility Construction or Operation
 - Publishing or Editorial
- V. The Main COS Screen
 - The Search COS Funding Opportunities main screen is a simple Google-like search engine
 - You are able to enter a few keywords into the COS Search box, click on COS Search, and obtain search results
 - It is not the optimal way to go about setting up a search

- Most users go to the Advanced Search screen
- VI. Advanced Search Screen
- You can switch between the Classic and Advanced Views
 - Search by Abstract, Title, Sponsor, and Other Fields
 - Activity Location: where the actual funding activity will occur
 - Citizenship/Residency: you must choose where the PI has his/her permanent residence
 - Deadline
 - Internal Coordination: this includes those opportunities that are either
 - a. Limited in number of submissions [e.g., the University is only allowed to submit 1 or 2 grant applications to that particular agency]
 - b. Those funding opportunities may require the University to do some sort of work before the grant is submitted [e.g., ranking of applicants before submission; letter from the Dean is required before submission, etc.]
 - Amount: done in US dollars
 - Keywords: Select *Browse* to use; to navigate, you can either click on a closed folder, or you can navigate by using the Search box at the bottom of the Keyword dialog box
 - a. NOTE: the “plum picture” symbol next to a Keyword means that you cannot go any further
 - b. To add a Keyword to your search field, click on term to add
 - c. NOTE: a new option will appear—Explode—you must check this box to search DB for ALL funding opportunities that contain a particular keyword you have chosen; it will also look for ALL other Keywords that fall under that particular hierarchy
 - Requirements: what type of experience a PI has as far as his/her educational background [i.e., Ph.D.; M.Ed.; M.A., etc.]
 - Funding Type: Many different activities are available
 - Sponsor Type: Many different sponsors available
 - Exclusion Fields: what parameters do you want to exclude in your search?
- VII. Running a Simple Search
- Running a simple search based on *Arts Education*
 - I get 197 results
 - Always lists results by Relevancy (R); Title; Sponsor; Deadline, & Amount
 - If you move your mouse over the Grant Title, an information box will pop up to give you the Abstract, Eligibility, and the URL
 - By default, the results are sorted by Relevancy [akin to Google], but you can resort by another parameter by clicking on that particular column heading [i.e., sort by Amount with least to greatest amount or vice-versa by clicking on the Amount column heading
 - Another feature to the results screen: over on the left-hand side of your screen, you can view the Top five Sponsor, Funding, Requirements, and Keywords