

## What is the Sponsored Programs Information Network Database?

The Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) Database is an online resource that helps faculty and staff find programs to fund research projects. It tracks approximately 40,000 funding opportunities from government, foundations, and other funding sources.

Website:

<https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/SOLRSearch>

## Accessing the SPIN Database

E-mail either the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) at [sponsoredprograms@aum.edu](mailto:sponsoredprograms@aum.edu) or Chris Murphy at [jmurph30@aum.edu](mailto:jmurph30@aum.edu) to have an account created.

Once an account has been created, you will receive your login information and be able to sign in using your own credentials.

## Searching within the SPIN Database

Searching by Text

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## Searching by Text

By using text (for example, Scientific Research), a user can find different funding programs that include opportunity titles, sponsor names, synopses, objectives, funding opportunity numbers, email addresses, and keywords.

Including “or” and putting text in quotation marks can expand and narrow the search.

## Using Advanced Search

Using the Advanced Search option allows a user to define searches further. For example, a user can look for funding opportunities that are only from federal entities.

## Searching by Keyword

The SPIN Database enables a user to explicitly find opportunities that match one or more of the predefined keywords in the SPIN Database’s approximately 3,500 terms.

Keywords can be combined in two ways. For example, using “or” with key words, the search will find opportunities that have either “*Science*” or “*Research*”. Using the same key words, using “and” the search will find opportunities that have both “*Science*” and “*Research*”.

## Search Preferences

Users are able to set filters for future searches so that certain parameters do not have to be set every time a search is conducted by a user.

## Saving Searches/Funding Alerts

When a search is saved, a user is able to receive updates on that search on either a daily or weekly basis.

A user is also able to receive alerts that have been set on saved searches. These alerts can be set on either a daily or weekly bases with the alert being sent directly to a user’s e-mail address.

## Bookmarks

A user may bookmark programs of interest to easily find them at a later time. Bookmarks can also be sorted into different folders for easier access.

## Get Help and Additional Resources

The SPIN Database has a Help tab that provides resources for a user on how to conduct searches, while also providing videos that explain the different functions within the SPIN Database.

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research can also offer training and assistance. Contact Chris Murphy at [jmurph30@aum.edu](mailto:jmurph30@aum.edu) or 334-394-5690.