Finding Funding for Your Research

The most recent needs survey out of the Office of the Associate Dean showed 75% of the respondents interested in finding funding sources for their work. Therefore, we have developed a short summary of the best places to look for external support for your research.

1. Look over the Faculty Support resources in the Research tab of the COE website, https://coe.ksu.edu/research/support.html. Direct links to most of the resources are located on this page. In addition, other funding opportunities (ex. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation) are listed here when the office receives information about them.

2. Learn about the many resources at the K-State Office of Research Development. Be sure to read the Research Weekly newsletter to find funding opportunities, announcements and events, and other resources and trending topics relevant to research, scholarly, and creative activity and discovery across campus. The newsletter is delivered directly to your in-box on Wednesdays and is available through K-State Today on Thursdays.

3. Make an appointment to talk with Mary Lou Marino (mlmarino@k-state.edu) about your research interest. She has access to hundreds of resources from which she glens the information that goes in the Funding Connection. She will be glad to keep an eye out for potential sponsors of your work.

4. Create an account on Pivot, which is purchased by the university. Thousands of funding opportunities are listed on a database that can be searched by funder and by text. Pivot also helps you find experts in your field or in an area in which you are looking for collaborators. This is an excellent resource, it has information about medium and larger foundations as well as government agencies and associations.

5. Sign up for alerts from government agencies at https://www.grants.gov/. This includes all agencies, or you can sign up for alerts from individual agencies such as National Science Foundation and U.S. Department of Education.

6. For foundations, do a search for the type of work you are seeking to fund. For example, if you search “foundations that fund higher education projects”, you will get information about the Dayton Foundation, the Hearst Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and many more.

7. You could look at The Chronicle of Philanthropy for information about foundations,
organization and corporations. The Foundation Center has some information you can access without joining.