**Pivot** (formerly COS)

**What is it?**
The pivot database contains grant, fellowship, scholarship, conference and award opportunities from federal, non-federal, and international sources.

**How do I search for funding?**

To access pivot, go to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) website and on the left navigation bar, click COS/Pivot Funding Opportunities: [http://www.uwec.edu/orsp/](http://www.uwec.edu/orsp/)

**Simple Search**
In the blank text box, type a keyword or phrase; then click **Search Pivot**

**Advanced Search**
Perform advanced searches on all fields in the database, including Amount, Activity Location (e.g., United States), Limited Submission (e.g., invited institutions only), Sponsor Type (e.g., federal, commercial, private foundation), Applicant Type (e.g., applicant must be PhD), Citizenship or Residency, Keyword, and Deadline.

1. Click the **Advanced Search** link.
2. Select ‘Match all of the fields’, or, ‘Match any of the fields’.
3. From the **Fields** drop-down menu, select the field(s) where the search will look for your words (All, Sponsor, Title, Abstract, Sponsor ID, or CFDA number).
4. In the blank text box, type a keyword or phrase.

**NOTES:**
- Words entered across the same row are separated by “or,” so you will get results containing either word.
- Words entered down a column are separated by “and,” so you will get results containing both words.

4. Under **Search Fields**, complete the desired fields. Click on any linked item to make additional selections. Options include: Amount, Activity Location, Limited Submission, Sponsor Type, Applicant Type, Citizenship or Residency, Keyword, and Deadline.

5. Under **Exclude Opportunities matching**, select the desired **Field** and type a keyword or phrase that you do not want to search on.

6. Click Search.
What are some search tips?

Basic or Advanced Search: Keywords
You can use several tricks when specifying keywords:
• Type only part of the keyword to get associated keywords. For example, type “biol” to get results for “biology” and “biological.”
• To search for an exact phrase, but quotes around the phrase (e.g., “world war”).

Advanced Search
• Click the Keywords link to type a specific field area/topic of interest. Select the Explode check box to include all sub-categories for the keyword you select.
• Click Deadlines to specify a date range for opportunity deadlines.

What should I look for in the full program information?
• Amount/Amount Note: Find the award amount, duration, indirect cost, matching.
• Citizenship or Residency: Note if need to be citizen or resident of country.
• Activity Location: Check if any geographical restrictions (e.g., Wisconsin only).
• Applicant Type: Verify whether qualification matches (e.g., academic institution, government agency, non-profit, etc.).
• Abstracts: See a summary of the funding opportunity.