

Why should I apply for a grant?

- Funding enables you to conduct your project
 - Course releases/summer stipends – TIME to do the work
 - Travel to conduct research and also disseminate results
 - Research assistants – graduate, undergraduate, post-doc
 - Equipment, materials, supplies
- Advance scientific knowledge in your field AND your professional career
- A grant award means
 - Experts in the field acknowledge your idea as important and worthy of support
 - Enhanced prestige and financial health of the institution
 - A new program that the institution wouldn't be able to support/implement



How do I find the right grant?

- Use your long-term research/scholarly agenda as guide to search for grants
- Research potential funding sources, both philanthropic and governmental
- Identify any necessary venues or collaborators
- Evaluate time investment – proposal development vs. award potential
- Establish short- and long-term goals

What else should I know?

- Ensure that you can make a strong enough argument (i.e., need, expertise, right participants, project parameters and evidence-basis, overall value)
- Know when not to pursue specific funding opportunities
- Develop concrete timelines
- Identify resulting publications as objectives/outcome goals
- Failing is a large part of the process, so always try, try again
- Pay close attention to reviewer results to inform future proposals
- Be aware of available resources!

OSPRA website: <http://www.udmercy.edu/academicaffairs/ospra/>

Grant Search Tools:

All grants - <http://infoedglobal.com/>

Federal grants - www.grants.gov

Foundation grants - <https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>