

Search Engines for Graduate Student Grant Seekers

This document provides tips for using two popular search engines (PIVOT and SCIVAL) to help students identify funding opportunities.

PIVOT

- pivot.cos.com/funding_main
- can search without registering or register for a free account to save searches and track funding opportunities
- to sign up for a free account
 - click on “Sign up” on the upper right of the home page
 - enter your name, email and a password
 - choose Western Michigan University to affiliate with WMU (you must affiliate with an institution that subscribes to Pivot – WMU does – to create an account, if you are on campus Western Michigan University should already be populated in the Affiliated Member Institution Field)
- you can create a Profile that will search for funding opportunities based on your interests and background
 - click on Support/Help at the bottom of the page, click on Creating & Updating Your Profile under Getting Started, scroll all the way down to see the steps to creating a profile
- you can search opportunities using the search box, when a list of possibilities is displayed you can track or tag opportunities that interest you by clicking on the Options button to the right
- see the Help/Support section for more information on tracking opportunities

SciVal

- www.funding.scival.com
- you can search opportunities, awarded grants, or sponsors
- you can also register for free by clicking on the Register link in the upper right of the home page
- search function is similar to Pivot’s but you can search awarded grants to get an idea
- if searching without logging in you will need to select a country or countries to search in
- you can refine your search results on the left side of the screen (by subject area, eligibility, award type, deadlines, etc.)
- it is easy to refine a search by fellowships or conference/travel grants under award type on the left side of the screen