

# Pivot-RP Funding Database START GUIDE

To get started, go to: <u>https://pivot.proquest.com</u>

#### 1. Create an Account

Sign in to Pivot-RP		
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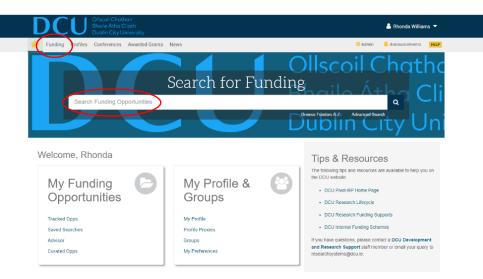
- Click on Create Account
- Choose "use institutional credentials" for SSO login
- Select DCU from the Institution pull-down menu
- Fill in all required fields to validate your name and email address

Wait for an email from Pivot-RP to validate your account. Check your spam folder if you do not see the email in your inbox.

#### 2. Claim your Profile

- Upon logging in for the first time, Pivot-RP may prompt you to claim your profile or to create a profile
- While this is optional, it is a good idea to do so: to get automated funding recommendations based on your research interests, publications, and grants
- Claiming a profile also allows you to be discovered by potential collaborators

### 3. Search for Funding (Basic Search)



Basic Search via the Funding tab

- You can enter free text search terms in the Search All Fields feature.
- The **Search by Keyword** feature allows you to easily find keywords that align with your research interests and quickly build a query that searches one or more keywords. It can be a good idea to start with keywords which are pre-defined terms that Pivot-RP editors match to funding opportunities.
- The **Search by Funder** feature allows you to search for specific sponsors and funding agencies, or, you can browse an A-to-Z list of all the funders that Pivot-RP is tracking. Just click on a funder name to see all of the active funding opportunities for that funder in Pivot-RP.

Basic Search via the home dashboard

- Use **quotes** for an exact phrase search (example, "childhood obesity" returns results that have that exact phrase)
- Using an **asterisk** to search word variants (example, using child\* returns results with the terms child, childhood, children, etc.)
- Using **proximity limiters** (example, using childhood w/5 obesity returns results where both terms are within five words of each other)

**Funding Discovery** 

• By hovering over the **Browse by Keyword** wheel you can see approximately how much funding is available for a given term. Selecting a term from the wheel will return results for all the funding opportunities matching that term.

# *Tip:* If you start with broad keywords first, then you can always narrow your results on the results screen or refine your query by adding more specific terms based on the results you receive.

### 4. Search for Funding (Advanced Search)

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On the Funding tab or home dashboard select **Advanced Search**. You will see a variety of options for searching specific fields and for pre-scoping your search by specific criteria including but not limited to:

- Funding type
- Sponsor type
- Award amounts
- Upcoming deadline
- Applicant type

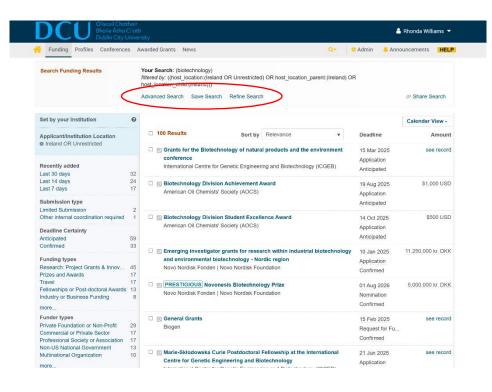
There are also two other important parameters related to eligibility:

- Activity location specifies where the research or activity must take place. As you type Pivot-RP will auto-populate locations or you can browse from a list.
- Citizenship specifies any citizenship requirements or restrictions

**Note:** These filters are already applied by default by DCU's Pivot-RP administrators. However, you can toggle off or modify these limiters.

Search Tip: Some research topics may not get any results in searching, but that does not necessarily mean there are no grants for which your project may be eligible. If this happens, try searching for grants in the broader field(s) within which your project falls. For example, a project to study zebra mussels may be eligible under a grant looking to fund projects in the broader fields of Biological Sciences, Marine Biology, or Environmental Biology, etc.

## 5. Saving or Modifying a Search



After initiating your search, three links appear on the top of your search results screen: **Advanced Search, Save Search**, and **Refine Search**.

- Advanced Search starts a new, blank search screen.
- Save Search allows you to name and save your search.
  - You can then choose whether you want to receive weekly funding alert emails that highlight any new opportunities that match your search criteria. These will automatically be delivered to your inbox.
  - You can also tag your saved searches.
  - You can find and manage your saved searches by clicking on the 'home" icon in the top left corner of the navigation bar.
- **Refine Search** returns you to the search screen with your criteria still entered so you can easily add or modify keywords or search parameters. You may also narrow your results using the facetted search results on the left side of the search results screen.

## 6. Tracking and Sharing Funding Opportunities

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Last 14 days2Last 7 days1	Biotechnology Division Achievement Award	19 Aug 2025 Application	\$1,000 USD
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When viewing a full set of results or individual funding opportunities you can choose to Track, Share, Export, or Curate (Admin) them.

#### Track

When viewing search results, you can select one or more opportunities, and then select Track to add the selected opportunities to your Tracked list. When viewing an individual opportunity, you can similarly select Track.

You can choose to get alerts and deadline reminders for items on your tracked list. This list can also be organised and sorted to easily keep track of opportunities for multiple research areas at once.

#### Share

You can share or a full set of results or individual funding opportunities.

- To share an individual opportunity, enter the name or the email address of the person(s) that you wish to share this opportunity or search with. Pivot-RP will attempt to auto-populate names of others at your institution, so you don't need to type in their email addresses. You can include an optional message as well and can even create groups of people you wish to share with.
- When viewing results you can choose to Share them by selecting the Share Search link and enter the same information as above.
- You can save and share an unlimited number of opportunities.