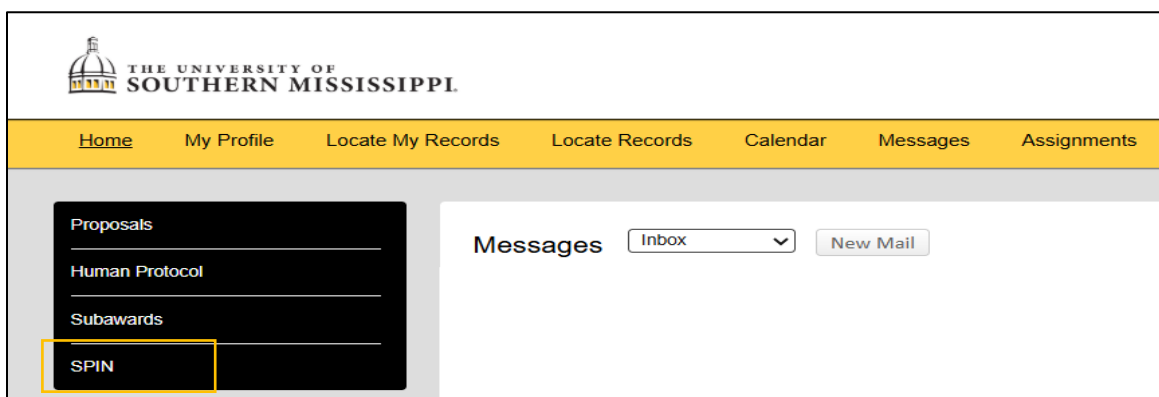


A Quick Guide to SPIN

Introduction to the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN). SPIN is the primary research funding database for USM. It's the largest, fastest, and most up-to-date database of funding opportunities in the world. SPIN contains funding opportunities from government/public sources, private foundations, and corporations across all disciplines. It has many options to filter results, so you can quickly locate those that meet your interests and expertise.

Faculty and staff automatically get access to InfoEd - SPIN (<https://usm.infoedglobal.com/>) within a week of their official start date, but students must request access using a form on the ORI website, which can also take up to a week to process.



Features. SPIN allows you to search for funding opportunities in three ways-- Basic keyword search, InfoEd keyword search (based on keywords that SPIN identifies), and Advanced Search. The Advanced Search allows you to search for grants based on specific criteria. Some of the other features in SPIN include 1) filters that can limit your results based on certain criteria (e.g. only new opportunities); 2) filter and sort your results list; 3) export search results to MS Word or Excel; 4) save searches and set up email alerts based on your specific search criteria; 5) bookmark and save opportunities for later; and 6) share opportunities via email.

Filters. It is best to set up search filters before running any SPIN search. As soon as you enter SPIN, the middle of the page will say, "You have no filters active. Click here to edit them." There are options for Category Filters where you can restrict your results to a certain Applicant Location, Applicant Type, Project Type, Project Location, and Citizen Status. There are also other options, such as restricting your results to newly created programs or whether you'd like to include synonyms for your search terms. *All these filters will remain active until you change them.*

Category Filters

Applicant Location:

Americas, North America, United States, Mississippi

Applicant Type:

Organization Applicant, Academic or Organizational, Higher Education Institution, College or University

Project Type:

Project Location:

Citizenship:

Sponsor Types:

Selecting an Applicant Location filters out opportunities that are limited to a specific state (USM applicants may not want to see opportunities limited to individuals or organizations in another state).

Selecting an Applicant Type filters opportunities to those that are available to particular individuals (e.g. Junior Faculty) or organizations (e.g. higher education institution).

It may not be desired to filter for all categories. Not selecting a search category results in searches not being filtered by those criteria.

Searches.

- SPIN Text Search is the simplest search option. Type in your search terms and SPIN will return all relevant results, restricted to any preferences you may have set in your filters. There are options you can use to broaden your search such as adding “and” or “or” between terms. Adding * to the end of a word or partial word will return results for anything that begins with that string (e.g. “behavior” will only return that exact word, but “behavior*” will also return results that contain the word “behavioral” and “behaviors”).
- The Keyword Search provides a list of keywords identified by SPIN as being relevant to each article. These keywords are listed by category and subcategory to make it easier to choose the most relevant keywords. Multiple keywords are allowable, as is the use of “or”.
- The Advanced Search is the most robust option, allowing you the most customization for your search. There is a drop-down menu full of search criteria such as Deadline, Eligibility, and Funding Agency.

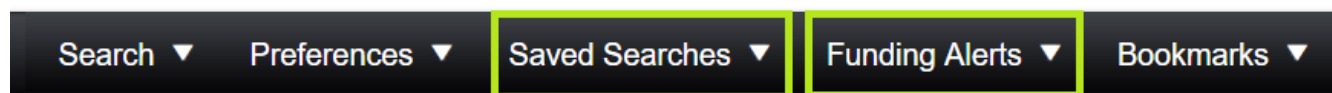
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Full Program	Contains	Biology	×
Cost Sharing	Equal To	No	×
Deadlines	Greater Than	01-Oct-2018	OR Select an Option ×
Indirect Costs	Equal To	Yes	×

All new searches will automatically apply your previously set filters. If you would like to change the filters for a particular search, the option is always available on the screen.

To save any search, just click “Save” at the top right of the page. You can give the search a name and specify whether you would like to receive email updates and, if so, how often. The next time you call up this search, SPIN will run a new search based on your specified criteria and filters. To access your saved searches, just click “Saved Searches” on the toolbar at the top of the page. If you subscribe to Funding Alert emails, you will receive an email whenever a new opportunity is posted that matches your search criteria. Click on “Funding Alerts” to update your email subscriptions.

SPIN World's Largest Database of Sponsored
Funding Opportunities



Need Help? The Office of Research Administration can help you set up custom search options.

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