

RCA UPDATE

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InfoEd SPIN Funding Opportunity Database



On January 1, NDSU transitioned to a new funding opportunity database subscription: SPIN by InfoEd Global. SPIN is free for current NDSU faculty, staff, and students.

This edition of the RCA Update will provide some information and tips for getting started in SPIN. If you have questions, please contact ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu.

InfoEd SPIN Training

Monday, January 11, 2021 // 10:00-11:15AM

[Register to attend >>](#)

To assist with the transition to a new funding opportunity database, a representative from InfoEd will be providing a SPIN training webinar on **Monday, January 11, 2021** from **10:00-11:15AM**.

Please [register](#) to attend. Zoom connection information will be shared with registrants prior to the event.

About SPIN

- SPIN is a searchable funding opportunity database with a number of [search features](#).
- SPIN is free for current NDSU faculty, staff, and students.
- SPIN includes more than 40,000 funding opportunities from public and private sponsors.
- SPIN can be accessed from any NDSU desktop on campus, but to save and manage funding searches you need to log into the system. Access from off campus also requires log-in. See "Accessing SPIN" below for instructions.
- When logged in, you are able to save custom search parameters and activate SPIN Matching And Research Transmittal Service (SMARTS) emails to notify you of new programs that match your pre-defined criteria.
- For help with using SPIN, visit the [SPIN page](#) on the RCA Website, or access the "Help" menu from within SPIN.

Accessing SPIN

Access SPIN at <https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Authorize/Login>.

To log into the system, select "Sign in using institutional credentials" on the right side of the screen and select North Dakota State University from the dropdown list. This will allow you to log in through the NDSU Central Authentication Service (CAS). **The first time you log into SPIN, you will need to click "create profile" in the pop-up window.**

Things to do after you log in

- 1. Check out the SPIN help videos.** These are located under "Help" in the top toolbar.
- 2. Set your Preferences.** Under "Preferences" in the top tool bar, you can set filters for Applicant Location, Applicant Type, Project Type, Project Location, Citizenship, or Sponsor Type. If you are logged in, these preferences will remain each time you access your account until you choose to change them.

3. Refresh your knowledge of database searching. *(This chart is also available in the SPIN Help menu.)*

Example Input	Description
Scientific research	Searches for records containing scientific and research . Inflectional forms of sci and research are included. AND is assumed in this example.
Scientific OR research	Searches for records containing either scientific or research . Inflectional forms of sci and research are included. The OR must be specified.
"science research"	Wrapping terms in double quotes searches for records containing the phrase science research . Inflectional forms of science (science , sciences) are included such that results include science research and sciences research .
stem -cell	Inserting a minus symbol before a term searches for records containing stem and not cell .
lake*	Appending an asterisk to a term invokes a wildcard search: searches for records containing lake and any suffix (e.g. lakes, Lakeland, lakeview). Note that * cannot be the first character in a search.
b?ll	A question mark ? serves as a wildcard substitute for a single character. Searching for b?ll return results for bell , ball , or bill .
b?ll "river basin" -columbia	Complex searches combining features can be used as in this example that will find records that include b?ll (bill , ball , bell ...) AND the string river basin but will exclude opportunities containing the word columbia .

4. Create a search. Start with Text Search, Keyword Search, or Advanced Search, all of which are available under "Search" in the top tool bar. Utilize the filters to refine your search. When you're happy with the results, save the search by clicking the "Save" button next to the Search field.

5. Turn on SMARTS emails for your saved search. Under "Funding Alerts" in the top tool bar, choose "Manage Funding Alerts." This screen will show you a list of your saved searches. Under "SMARTS Automation," utilize the drop-down menu to turn on automatic notification emails at your preferred frequency.

Upcoming Limited Submission Program Deadlines

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program. Email notifications of interest to ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu.

- [NSF: EPSCoR Track 4 Research Fellows](#)

Notification Deadline: 01/13/2021

- [Retirement Research Foundation](#)

Notification Deadline: 01/20/2021

There are a number of limited submission grant programs with upcoming agency deadlines for which we did not receive any notifications of interest. For those interested in applying to the programs listed below, approval to move forward with a full proposal submission to the funder will be given on a first come, first served basis. Email notifications of interest to ndsuhdev@ndsuh.edu.

- [DOE: Scientific Discovery Through Advanced Computing - Partnerships in Basic Energy Sciences](#)
Agency deadline: January 19, 2021
- [DOE: Materials and Chemical Sciences Research for Quantum Information Science](#)
Agency deadline: January 27, 2021
- [CDC: Reducing Inequities in Cancer Outcomes through Community-Based Interventions on Social Determinants of Health](#)
Agency deadline: February 10, 2021
- [NEA: Grants for Arts Projects](#)
Agency deadline: February 11, 2021
- [NSF: Ethical and Responsible Research](#)
Agency deadline: February 22, 2021
- [USDA-NIFA: Biotechnology Risk Assessment](#)
Agency deadline: February 24, 2021
- [NSF: Scholarships in STEM](#)
Agency deadline: March 31, 2021

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