SPIN Funding Database
Search Tips

About SPIN
InfoEd Global SPIN is a comprehensive database containing over 40,000 funding opportunities from more than 10,000 federal and non-federal sponsors.

You can access SPIN from any computer connected to the University’s network. Registered SPIN users can access SPIN off campus and over VPN, and can set up search preferences, save searches, bookmark opportunities, and receive regular email alerts.

Register a SPIN Profile
https://spin.infoedglobal.com

- Click Sign In
- Click Need to Create a New Profile?
- Fill out all fields, and please register with your UNC email address.

Profiles must be approved by a SPIN administrator. Then, you will receive an email with a link to set your password. Please allow up to 24 hours for approval.

Searching in SPIN
SPIN has three distinct search modes:

- Text Search
- Keyword Search
- Advanced Search

Each mode operates independent of the others. Any search preferences (e.g., Citizenship, Sponsor Type, Activity Location,) apply to all three modes.

Text Search
Text Search will search an opportunity’s full text. Simply type in the words you want to search for in the search box and click Locate Funding. Text Search matches your words against the opportunity title, sponsor name, synopsis, objectives, contact information, and other fields.

Text Search responds to different search logics to parse the most relevant results:

- Inflectional forms of search terms are automatically included, so a search for test will also include testing, tested, etc.
- Entering words together, such as scientific research, will return records containing both words in their inflectional forms.

Keyword Search
SPIN contains approximately 3,500 catalog terms for locating pre-matched/categorized opportunities. Keywords can be combined using OR or AND operators. A search for Geochemistry OR Geophysics will return results labeled with either term; a search for Geochemistry AND Geophysics will yield results labeled with both keywords. However, selecting a large number of keywords does not necessarily result in a longer list of opportunities.

Advanced Search
Advanced Search allows you to narrow search parameters to yield potentially highly relevant results. You can link together multiple search fields, such as Eligibility, Full Program, Sponsor, Sponsor Type, and Objectives. Advanced Search allows you to search the full program while narrowing results in ways that Text Search and Keyword Search do not.

Additional Support
For more information about SPIN, visit http://unc.live/2vUXtPu, or view the brief tutorial videos under the SPIN Help tab.