

How to Get Started with a Search for Funding: A Sample Plan

1. Identify Keywords (describe yourself, your subject area, and your financial needs)

Who are you?

What are you studying?

What do you need money for?

2. Pick three books to search. Suggested titles:

- *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, LB2336 F599 2006
- *Money for Graduate Students in the Arts & Humanities*, LB 2337.2 M664 2005/2007
- *The Annual Register of Grant Support*, HJ 275 A65 2008

3. Check out a few websites. Try these:

- Michigan State Funding Center: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm>
- Listing of Scholarships & Fellowships (scroll down to the bottom of the page to view additional categories): <http://scholarships.kachinatech.com/scholarships/>
- GFIS Subject Resources page: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/subjects.html>
- For background information, check out The Foundation Center's "Guide to Funding Research": http://fdncenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/gfr/begin_indiv.html

4. Run an ADVANCED SEARCH in the funding database, Community of Science.

- Enter five criteria:
 - o Keyword(s) – indicate your discipline
 - o Requirements – your status as a graduate student
 - o Funding Type – e.g. fellowship, travel, research, etc.
 - o Citizenship and/or Residency status
 - o Activity Location – e.g. where you want to study or conduct research

5. Keep excellent records of where you have searched.

6. Contact GFIS if you have any questions: 206-616-3084, email: gfis@u.washington.edu

Remember –

- Finding funding takes time.
- Keep detailed notes.
- Keep your goal and purpose in mind.