

Introduction to SPIN Database to Search for Funding Opportunities



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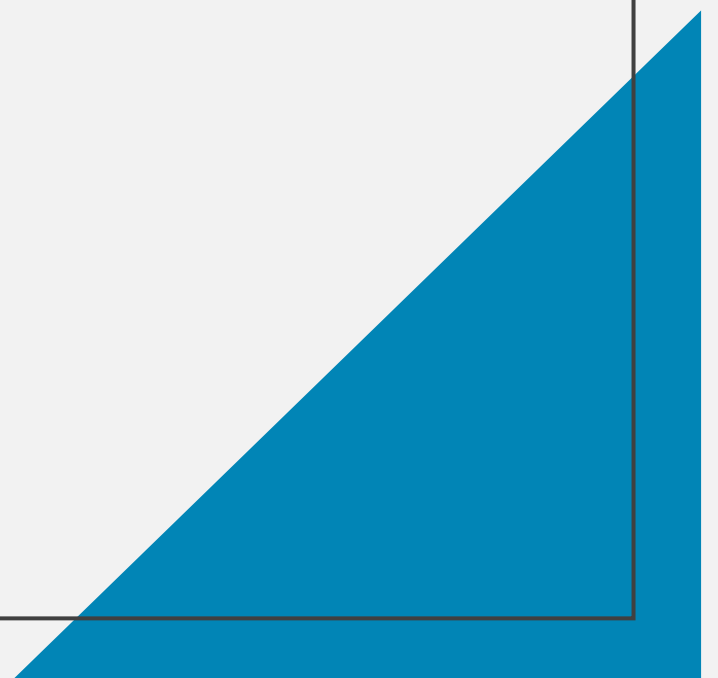
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Outline

- What is SPIN?
- Accessing SPIN
- What's in a SPIN Record?
- Searching SPIN
 - Text
 - Keyword
 - Advanced
- Saving a Search
- Creating Alerts
- Sharing SPIN Records and Exporting Results
- Library Support for Grants Funding

Slides contain more detailed information for future reference.





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What is SPIN?

- Extensive research funding opportunity database
- Tracks over 40,000 funding opportunities
- 10,000+ government, foundation, and corporate sponsors
- Grants, fellowships, training opportunities, limited submissions
- Regularly maintained and updated
- Set up custom searches and receive alerts

Accessing SPIN Database

From Library Webpage – Choose Databases – Select S – Click SPIN Funding Database

The screenshot shows the LSU Health New Orleans Libraries homepage. The navigation bar includes links for Prospective Students, Patient Care, Job Seekers, Donors, and Crime Statistics. Below the header, there are sections for John P. Isché (Main) Library and Dental Library, each with their respective addresses and phone numbers. At the bottom, there are three icons: Databases (highlighted with a red box), E-Books & E-Journals A to Z, and Resources by Subject.

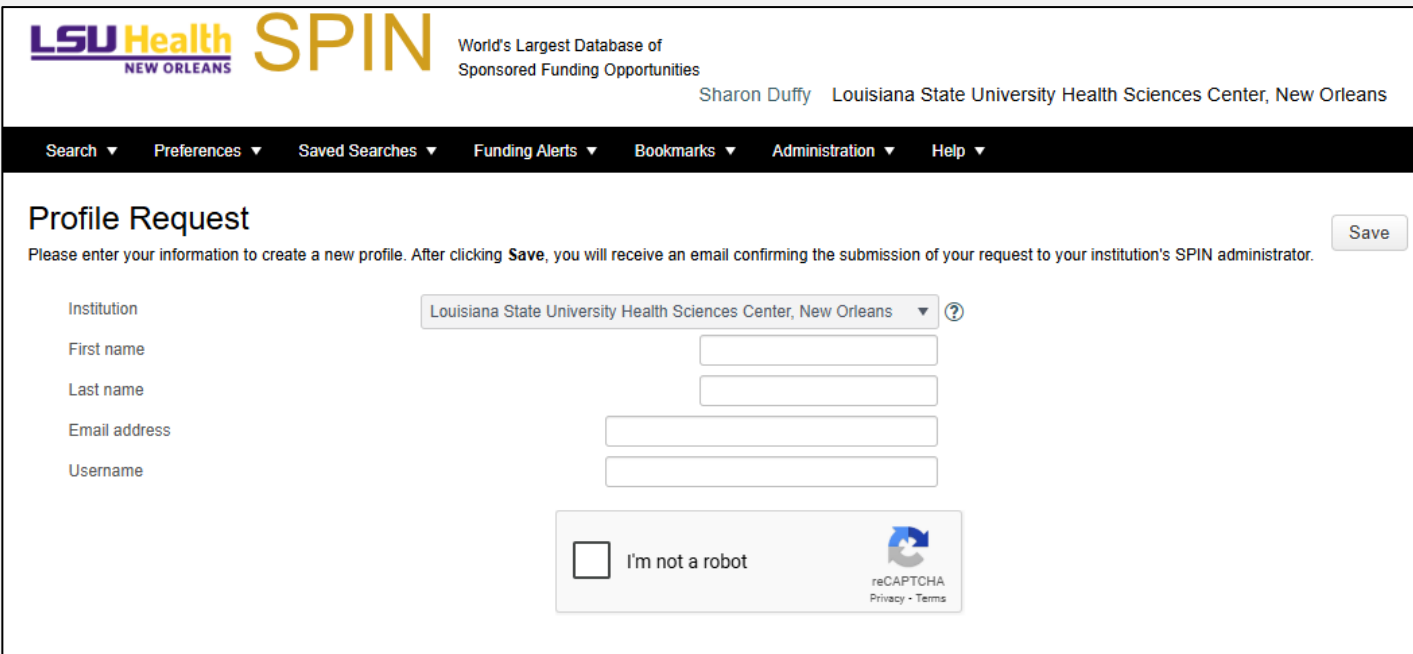


The screenshot shows the Databases page. The 'Browse:' section displays a list of letters from A to Z. The letter 'S' is highlighted with a red box, indicating the selection of the SPIN Funding Database.



Shock & Vibration Digest	Shock and vibration technology database. More
Robert Simmons Photograph Collection	Photos and narratives of Charity Hospital and LSUMC. More
SocINDEX with Full Text	Social sciences database. More
SPIN Funding Database Registration required (LSUHSC-NO email only)	Searchable database of available grant funding opportunities. More
Springer eBook Collection	Full text book provider. More
Springer Protocols	Full text laboratory protocols and books. More
SpringerNature Experiments	Methods and protocols from SpringerNature Publishers. More
Stahl Online	Neuropsychopharmacology books and resources. More

Creating an Account



The screenshot shows the top of the LSU Health SPIN website. The header includes the LSU Health NEW ORLEANS logo and the text "World's Largest Database of Sponsored Funding Opportunities". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Search, Preferences, Saved Searches, Funding Alerts, Bookmarks, Administration, and Help. The main content area is titled "Profile Request" and contains a "Save" button. Below the title is a message: "Please enter your information to create a new profile. After clicking **Save**, you will receive an email confirming the submission of your request to your institution's SPIN administrator." The form fields are: Institution (a dropdown menu showing "Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans"), First name, Last name, Email address, and Username. At the bottom of the form is a reCAPTCHA checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" and a reCAPTCHA logo with links for "Privacy" and "Terms".

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Search Preferences Saved Searches Funding Alerts Bookmarks Administration Help

Profile Request

Please enter your information to create a new profile. After clicking **Save**, you will receive an email confirming the submission of your request to your institution's SPIN administrator.

Institution: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

Username:

☐ I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA Privacy Terms

- New users need to register for an account
- Must use lsuhsc.edu email address
- Search for “Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans” for institution
- Request will be approved by SPIN admins

SPIN Home Page



SPIN

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[Clear](#)

[Locate Funding](#)

Exclude US Federal Opportunities ☐

You have additional filters active. [Click here to edit them.](#)

Sample SPIN Record

Email ▾

Medical Education Grant: Actionable Biomarker and Genetic Testing in Cancer: Education for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
Funding Opportunity Number:

+ Bookmark Program

Overview

Deadline Date 01-Oct-2025 (Receipt) [Deadline Information](#) ➔

Funding Level 250,000 USD 2 year(s) [Funding Information](#) ➔

Eligibility The geographic scope of this program is United States. The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional associations and medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement. [More](#) ↓

Program Information <https://www.pfizer.com/about/programs-policies/grants/competitive-grants> 🔗

Synopsis & Objectives Pfizer is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to support independent medical education provider organizations interested in teaching Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners and other allied healthcare professionals on the patient care team about advances in the use of biomarkers and genetics to inform treatment decision making in oncology. Individual projects requesting \$100,000 - [More](#) ↓

Institution Instructions [Edit](#) Please contact the Libraries for assistance using SPIN. You can email us at reference@lsuhsc.edu or call us at (504) 568-6100.

Eligibility

Applicant Types Eligible Non-Profit Organization, Higher Education Institution, Academic or Educational Organization, Research Institution or Organization, Laboratory, Hospital, Professional Organization, For-Profit Organization

Applicant Location Requirements United States

Project Locations Allowed United States

Project Types Supported Training and Professional Development

Citizenship Requirements No Restrictions

Target Groups No restrictions/No information provided

Funding

Funding Details 250,000.00 USD maximum; 2 year(s)

Funding Guidelines Individual projects requesting \$100,000 - \$250,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is \$500,000. Award amounts include direct costs, institutional overhead costs (capped at 28% per Pfizer policy), and indirect costs. Maximum project length is 2 years.

Cost Sharing Not Required

Indirect Costs Allowed

Deadline

Deadline Notes Applications are due October 1, 2025, 23:59 Eastern Standard Time (e.g., New York, GMT -5).

All Deadline Dates (Deadlines) 01-Oct-2025 [Add to calendar](#)

Sponsor

Sponsor Type Industrial Groups/Organizations

Opportunity Number No information provided

Assistance Listing Number No information provided

Sponsor Contact Information Lori Carpenter, Grant Officer

United States

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail: Lori.Carpenter@pfizer.com ✉

Website: <https://www.pfizer.com/> 🔗

Sponsor Instructions https://cdn.pfizer.com/pfizercom/2025-08/2025_RFP_Biomarkers_PanTumor_education_APPs_0.pdf?VersionId=Xt7v.i.VHvVRfKnHrqkyW5_DTq1ECyPz 🔗

Keywords

Medical Education

Continuing Professional Development

Cancer/Carcinogenesis

Lung Cancer

Colorectal Cancer

Oncology

Training and Development

Biomarkers

Genetic Testing

Preference Filters

- Use to remove results that you don't qualify for
- Apply through all search modes
- Retained for future sessions until you change them
- Useful to filter out irrelevant funding opportunities

Search ▾ Preferences ▾ Saved Searches ▾ Funding Alerts ▾ Bookmarks

- Applicant Location
- Applicant Type
- Project Type
- Project Location
- Citizenship
- Sponsor Type

Limit to:

US Federal Opportunities: Include

Limited Submission Opportunities: Include

Closed Opportunities: Exclude

Display Currency: United States Dollars

Export Data Options

SPIN Search Options

☐ Limit search to newly created programs (in days) [input] [dropdown]

☐ Limit search to new or recently updated programs (in days) [input] [dropdown]

US Federal Opportunities [Include] [dropdown]

Limited Submission Opportunities [Include] [dropdown]

Opportunities that have no documented future deadlines [Exclude] [dropdown]

Select Currency Display [United States Dollars] [dropdown]

Save and Exit Close

SPIN Search Modes

Text Search

- Default search mode
- Search a simple word/term in entire SPIN record
- Every field is searched
- Broadest results

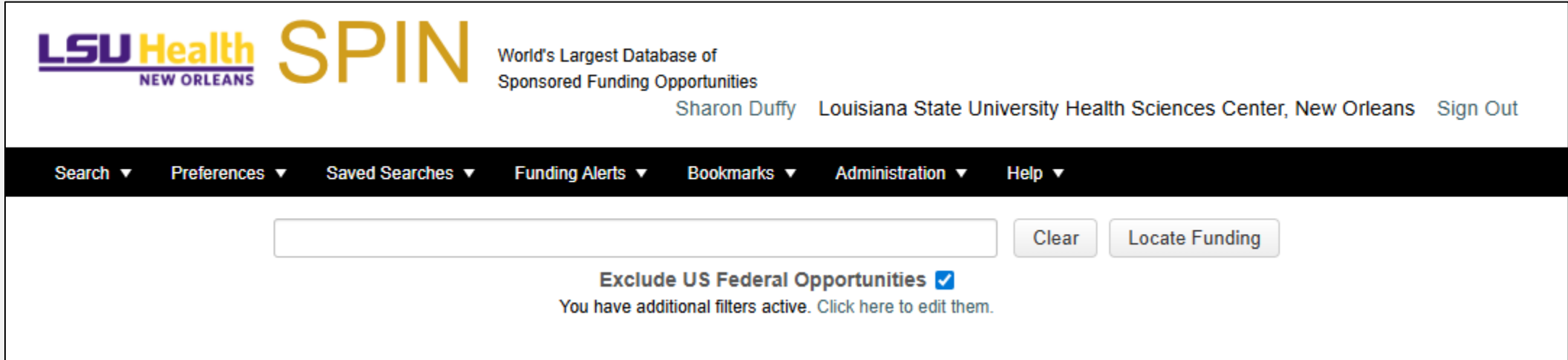
InfoEd Keyword Search

- Choose keywords from curated list
- Use AND/OR to combine keywords
- Searches for keyword term in record rather than the full text
- Results are more focused than Basic Search

Advanced Search

- Create customized searches
- Search multiple fields in SPIN record
- Most specific results

Text Search



The screenshot shows the top of the LSU Health SPIN website. The header includes the LSU Health New Orleans logo and the text 'SPIN World's Largest Database of Sponsored Funding Opportunities'. Below this, the user 'Sharon Duffy' is logged in, with links to 'Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans' and 'Sign Out'. A black navigation bar contains links for Search, Preferences, Saved Searches, Funding Alerts, Bookmarks, Administration, and Help. Below the navigation bar is a search input field, a 'Clear' button, and a 'Locate Funding' button. A checkbox labeled 'Exclude US Federal Opportunities' is checked, and a message states 'You have additional filters active. Click here to edit them.'

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Clear Locate Funding

Exclude US Federal Opportunities ☒

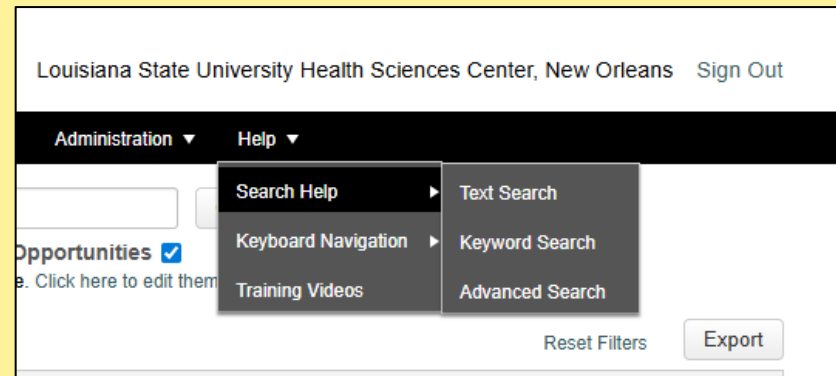
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- Default search mode and most commonly used
- Search for terms in the entire text of the SPIN records including titles, sponsor names, summaries, email addresses, and more
- Automatically includes basic variations of term:
 - science = science, scientific, etc
 - test = test, tests, testing, tested, etc
- Can make more complex using operators and additional commands

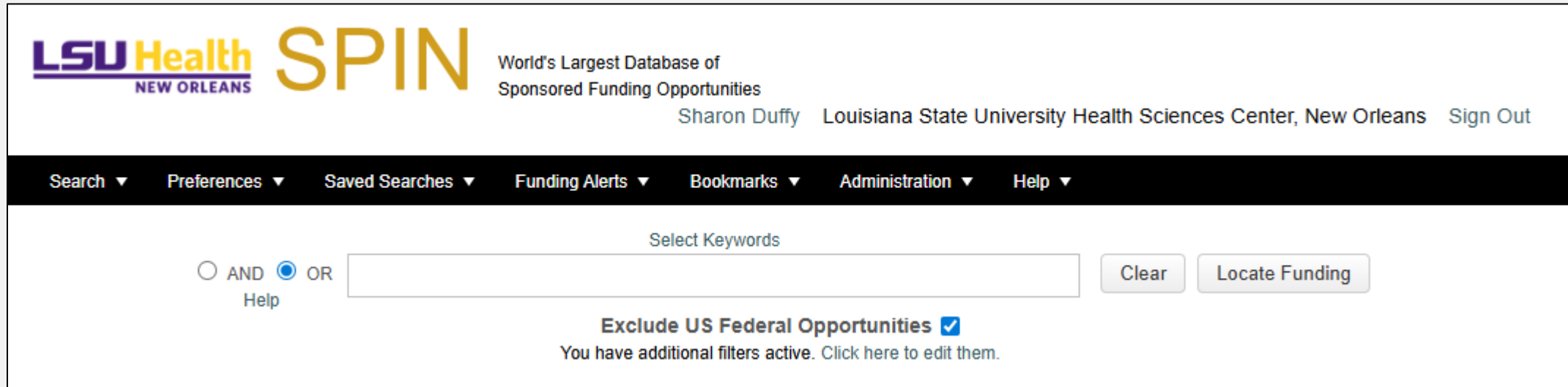
Text Search Commands

Command	Description
breast cancer	AND is implied operator; both words must appear in record
cancer OR oncology	Expands results to include either term in any field
“mental health”	Use double quotes to search for exact phrase; terms must be next to each other and in same order
child*	Asterisk serves as a wildcard; search for root word and any suffix; more expansive than basic variations; asterisk cannot be the first character of a search

Search Help is available online:



infoEd Keyword Search



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Select Keywords

☐ AND ☒ OR Help

Clear Locate Funding

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- Searches Keyword field in SPIN record; all records are tagged with keywords
- More than 3,500 terms in curated list
- Can use AND/OR to combine keyword terms; OR is the default selection
- Two ways to find keyword terms: **Explorer** and **Searcher**

Searcher Keyword Search

The screenshot shows a web-based search interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Explorer' and 'Searcher', with 'Searcher' being the active tab. To the right of the tabs are three buttons: 'Save Selections and Continue', 'Exit', and 'Help'. Below the tabs is a search input field containing the text 'cancer'. To the right of the input field are two buttons: 'Reset list' and 'Show subset'. The main area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Choose keywords' and contains a list of ten items, each with an unchecked checkbox: 'Bladder Cancer', 'Bone Cancer', 'Brain Cancer', 'Breast Cancer', 'Cancer Biology', 'Cancer Epidemiology', 'Cancer Predisposition', 'Cancer Survivorship', 'Cancer Therapy (excl. Chemotherapy & Radiation Therapy)', and 'Cancer/Carcinogenesis'. To the right of this list is a vertical scrollbar. Above the list is a button labeled 'Select All'. The right column is titled 'Selected keywords' and contains an empty rectangular box. Above this box is a button labeled 'Clear All'.

- Find keywords based on terminology regardless of hierarchy
- Begin typing and a subset of keywords will appear in a list
- Default is to combine with OR; can change to AND

Explorer Keyword Search

Explorer

Searcher

Save Selections and Continue

Exit

Help

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3
ARTS/HUMANITIES/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	Natural Processes (Health/Safety/Medical)	Aerospace Biomedicine
BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCES	Patient/Volunteer Classification	Allergy
EDUCATION	Physiological/Development Process	Anesthesiology
ENERGY	Research Resources (Health/Safety/Medical)	Arthroscopy
ENGINEERING	Specialties of Medical and Allied Fields	Audiology
Economic Indicators	Structure/Function (Health/Safety/Medical)	Biodefense
HEALTH AND SAFETY/MEDICAL SCIENCES/BIOENGINEERING	Technology Assessment/Transfer/Outreach (Health/Medical)	Cardiology
INTERNATIONAL/GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS		

Choose keywords

Select All

☐ Aerospace Biomedicine
☐ Allergy
☐ Anesthesiology
☐ Arthroscopy
☐ Audiology
☐ Biodefense
☐ Cardiology
☐ Cardiopulmonary/Chest Medicine
☐ Chiropractic
☐ Clinical Medicine, General

Selected keywords

Clear All

- Select terms from hierarchical display
- Browse by categories and subcategories
- Choose keywords from Category 2 or 3 to add to your search
- Default is to combine with OR; can change to AND

Advanced Search

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[Add New](#) [Locate Funding](#)

Full Program ▼	Contains ▼		X
Deadlines ▼	Between ▼	 AND 	X
Target Groups ▼	Equal To ▼	Children/Youth ▼	X

Exclude US Federal Opportunities ☐
You have no additional filters active. [Click here to edit them.](#)

- Customize any field to narrow search to produce relevant results
- Combine search terms in ways Text and Keyword search do not allow
- Contact the Libraries for assistance if you want to set up a very detailed search

Search Results

- Number of results is noted at top
- Sort by any column by clicking on the header
- Can also search within columns to narrow results

Exclude US Federal Opportunities ☒
You have additional filters active. [Click here to edit them.](#)

Results Found: 28 Reset Filters

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

☐	SPIN ID	Opportunity Title	Sponsor Name	Sponsor Number	Deadline Date	Funding Amount	Bookmark	
▶	017155	Miles of Hope Grants	Miles of Hope B Cancer Founda		Jan-2026	Not Specified	+	☐
▶	098197	Jane Torres Scholarship Program	Florida Breast Cancer Founda		Continuous Submission	Not Specified	+	☐
▶	131036	ACGT - Cinelli Family Foundation Investigator Award in Cell and Gene Therapy for Breast Cancer	Alliance for Can Gene Therapy		Aug-2025	500,000.00 USD	+	☐
▶	017044	International Breast Pathology Fellowship	Memorial Sloan Kettering Canc Center		Sep-2025	Not Specified	+	☐
▶	129726	Project Grant Priority Announcement: CIHR Institute of Cancer Research - Breast Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Survivorship	Canadian Institutes of Health Research		10-Sep-2025	72,000.00 USD	+	☐
▶	012220	Breast Pathology Fellowship	Memorial Sloan- Kettering Cancer Center		30-Sep-2025	Not Specified	+	☐

Show items with value that:

Is equal to

And

Is equal to

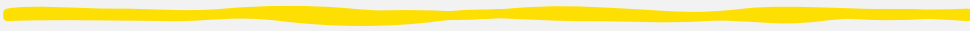
Questions?



So now you've done a search...

... What can you do with the results?

Let's talk some more about these tabs



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2	120053	Vicky Amidon Innovation Grant in Lung Cancer Research	Lung Cancer Initiative (LCI)		29-Aug-2025	25,000 USD
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3	Contact Name	Jenni Danai					
4	Contact Telephone	919-784-0410					
5	Contact Email	jdana@lungcancerinitiative.org					
6	Sponsor Website	https://lungcancerinitiative.org/					
7	Program URL	https://lungcancerinitiative.org/funding-opportunities/					
	Deadline Dates (ALL)	29-Aug-2025					
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	Synopsis	The Lung Cancer Initiative (LCI) offers the Vicky Amidon Innovation Grant in Lung Cancer Research to recognize and provide research funding for innovative lung cancer projects that will improve the lives of those diagnosed with lung cancer in North Carolina. This one-year grant in the amount of \$25,000 is awarded annually.					
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Contact Name	Jenni Danai
Contact Telephone	919-784-0410
Contact Email	jdantai@lungcancerinitiative.org
Sponsor Website	Link to sponsor website
Program URL	Link to program URL
Deadline Dates (ALL)	29-Aug-2025

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Beyond SPIN

Library Support for Grants & Funding

- Resource Guide on Library Website - <https://libguides.lsuhealth.edu/grants>
- Set up customized searches in SPIN
- Assistance with Data Management Plans for grant applications



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