

Money can influence progress and change, especially in research and education. But it isn't always obvious how to locate and apply for funds that support specific research-based initiatives and special projects.

This course will address this money-seeking process by closely examining federal agencies that support innovative work across disciplines. We will unpack sites such as *grants.gov* and discuss best practices for finding and understanding <u>federal funding opportunities</u> while also breaking down their lifecycles, from pre-application to post-award. Using specific agency applications (e.g., the National Science Foundation) as templates and guides, we will practice writing a proposal from start to finish with an emphasis on crafting narratives understandable to both discipline-specific peers and laypeople alike. We will also engage in collaborative writing and team pitching our work to a panel of reviewers. **Research experience is not required.**

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