

Each month, one area related to research will be highlighted in the ORSP Helpful Hints newsletter.

Since the first step of sponsored research is finding funding, we will highlight funding opportunities in this inaugural issue.

## Helpful Hints

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## Funding Opportunities

It can be difficult to balance teaching, service and research.

ORSP provides several different options to assist in finding funding opportunities for UNO employees and students.

**IRIS** As a service to the UNO community, ORSP subscribes to Illinois Researcher Information Service (IRIS), a search engine that UNO students and employees can access via the campus network.

**IRIS funding database**—federal and private funding opportunities in all disciplines; currently contains over 9,000 active funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. In addition to funding for research projects, IRIS includes funding for student fellowships and scholarships (Must be *on campus* since the subscription is for UNO's IP address)

**IRIS funding alerts**—enables students, staff and researchers to create a profile and e-mail funding alerts (Alerts are sent to an e-mail account and are *accessible anywhere*.)

## Webpage ORSP Funding Opportunities

## www.uno.edu/orsp/ORSPHome/FundingOpportunities

**Databases**—this page has a section for Funding Databases which includes the link to IRIS, and other databases which can aid in researching funding opportunities

**Sources** - funding sources are listed by federal, non-profit, private, state and internal opportunities

Federal Agencies—numerous federal funding search options are

provided in addition to websites for individual agencies

**Non-Profit Agencies**— foundations are included in the IRIS database, but you can also search the top 100 Foundations in America, or view a listing of non-profits which have recently issued awards to UNO

**Private Agencies**— corporations from Adobe to Young Audiences of Louisiana have grant programs and many of them are listed on this website

**State Agencies** — local and state agencies fund grants and contracts to UNO

**Board of Regents**— UNO's largest state sponsor has a dedicated page for funding opportunities, award notices and reporting requirements

**Internal Funding** - visit this page to learn more about internal funding opportunities such as the Summer Research Program; the Graduate School, Student Government, and other offices on campus offer funding competitions which are highlighted

For additional information concerning funding opportunities or training, e-mail orsp@uno.edu or call ext. 6836.

ORSP holds periodic training sessions on IRIS but will conduct special sessions for individuals or departments.

Thank you,

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