

What is the Research Foundation?

The Research Foundation is a private, nonprofit educational corporation whose primary responsibility is the administration of externally funded contracts and grants for and on behalf of SUNY.

The RF carries out its primary responsibilities pursuant to an agreement entered in 1977 with SUNY. Rather than directly contract with a principal investigator or with SUNY, sponsors contract directly with the RF for all sponsored grants, contracts and agreements for sponsored research and training programs.

Why Research Foundation?

The Research Foundation provides the independence and administrative flexibility to respond quickly to the special demands of sponsored programs in a manner that facilitates their scientific or technical execution. Sponsored programs typically operate on short time frames and accommodate needs which could not be as easily accommodated through state processes including:

- prefunding of expenditures prior to sponsor reimbursement
- flexibility to hire project staff upon the project start date and terminate them upon project completion
- timely purchase of supplies, equipment, and reimbursement of travel costs within project time frames
- ability to subcontract to third parties to conduct a portion of the program
- timely billing of sponsors for payment, including drawing down from federal letters of credit
- timely submission of sponsor and government required financial reports.
- specialized skills in specific areas such as legal and technical expertise (patent laws, lobby laws etc.)

Sponsored Research & Programs

The Office of Sponsored Programs is the campus Office of the Research Foundation of SUNY which serves as the legal applicant and fiscal

administrator for all grants and contracts awarded to SUNY institutions, faculty, and staff.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive and high-quality support services to faculty and staff in securing and administering, State, Federal and Private grants, and contracts.

Proposal Submission Policy

Office of Sponsored programs must review and approve all proposals prior to submission to an outside funding agency. **Final Proposals are due to the Office of Sponsored programs at least five (5) full business days in advance of the sponsor's deadline.** This applies to paper and electronic proposal submissions.

Pre-award Process

- Applicants discuss idea/project with Department chair and obtain appropriate authority approvals
- Applicants must meet with Office of Sponsored Programs at least 20 days prior to submission due date to discuss proposal, timeline, and requirements
- Applicants develop Proposed Narrative
- OSP will assist with Budget development and review grant requirements/guidelines
- OSP assists with submission of applications

Post-Award Process

Following notification of a funding award, OSP assist in the post-award process:

- Setting up award/project and account number
- Budget modification if needed
- Assist with development and transmission of periodic progress, semi-annual and final project reports as required by the funding sponsor
- Purchasing
- Payroll
- Travel expenses
- Close award after completion

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External Research Funding Opportunities:

Federal Funding Websites

- [Grants.gov](#) Search the funding programs of 26 Federal agencies including:
 - [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Commerce](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Defense](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Education](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Justice](#)
 - [U.S. Department of State](#)
 - [U.S. Department of Transportation](#)
 - [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
 - [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
 - [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
 - [National Institutes of Health](#)
 - [National Science Foundation](#)
 - [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#)
 - [Fulbright Scholars Program](#)

State Funding Websites

- [NYS Grants Gateway](#) - all grant funding opportunities with state agencies
 - [New York State Department of Education](#)
 - [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
 - [New York State Department of Health](#)
 - [New York State Department of Labor](#)
 - [New York State Library](#)
 - [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation](#)
 - [New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research](#)
 - [New York State Energy Research & Development Authority \(NYSERDA\)](#)

Private Funding Websites

- [American Chemical Society - Petroleum Research Fund](#)
- [AT&T](#)
- [Ford Foundation](#)
- [Kellogg Foundation](#)
- [Lindbergh Foundation](#)
- [MacArthur Foundation](#)
- [Pew Charitable Trusts](#)

- [Research Corporation](#)
- [Sloan Foundation](#)

Related Federal Websites

- [Department of Education Grants Forecast FY](#) (always current)
- [Department of Education Grant Applications](#)
- [Institute of Educational Sciences webinar archive](#) -- topics include: grant writing and the application process
- [Department of Health and Human Services GrantsNet](#)
- [Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Open Solicitations](#)
- [National Institutes of Health Grants and Funding Opportunities](#)
- [National Science Foundation E-bulletin](#) -- Education & Human Resources

Federal Funding Listservs

- [NIH Guide for Grants & Contracts](#) (NIHTOC-L) Listserv
- [National Science Foundation](#) (NSF) Custom News Service
- [US Department of Education](#) (EDInfo)