

GrantForward

Searching for Funding Opportunities

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GrantForward

Presentation Organization



Learning Objectives

Today you will learn how to...

- *Create* an account
- Search for grants by keywords and advanced filters
- *Save your favorite searches* for new grant alerts
- *Save your favorite grants* to keep track of them
- Create an effective researcher profile
- *Customize* recommendations based on your CV, past publications, and research interests
- **Make GrantForward work for you!**

Outcome?

You will automatically receive useful email notifications of funding opportunities on a monthly, weekly, or daily basis.

What is GrantForward?

- GrantForward is a search engine that helps you find funding opportunities that suit your research needs.
- MTSU has an institutional subscription to GrantForward, anyone with an MTSU email address can create an account. This subscription allows you access to a database of grants from over 13,000 sponsors which is updated daily.
- The system allows individuals to use automation (by uploading CVs or online publication lists) to create researcher profiles. Users can also manually add additional interests to their profile.
- Users can create a saved search and automatically receive emails notifications of funding opportunities on a regular basis.

Completing your research profile is essential for these notification features to work.

Let's begin!

Navigating to GrantForward

Direct link: <https://www.grantforward.com/signup>

MTSU homepage

www.MTSU.edu

A-Z Index, R – Research and Sponsored Programs

Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) homepage

<https://www.mtsu.edu/research/index.php>

Funding Opportunities

Faculty Funding

<https://www.mtsu.edu/research/funding-faculty.php>

Convenient “Create a Profile” link on the ORSP’s Funding Opportunities Pages

<https://www.mtsu.edu/research/funding-faculty.php>



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Funding Opportunities for Faculty

Numerous internal and external funding opportunities are available to faculty to enhance their individual or collaborative research and scholarship activities. It is the primary responsibility of the staff of the ORSP to identify these funding opportunities for our faculty and to facilitate submission of competitive proposals. If you need additional help in identifying funding in your discipline or if you need some individualized support to develop a competitive grant proposal, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) or call the ORSP at 615-904-8040.

MTSU Sponsored Programs Scholars Directory

[Scholars Directory](#) is a catalog of funded proposals from July 2015 to the present. The directory will allow you to search by the primary investigator's name, department, grant title, as well as gain details regarding the funding sponsor and program.

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Click below to create your GrantForward profile. Be sure to use your MTSU email address to create your account.

[Create a Profile](#)

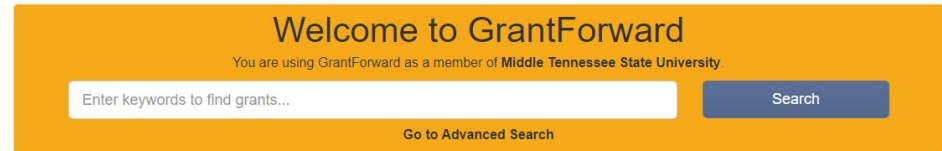
For more information, see the [Research Guide for the system](#).

Creating an Account

Step 1: Navigate to GrantForward.com. Find “Sign Up” in the top right corner or bottom of the page.

Step 2: On the Institutional Account page use your MTSU email. Institution name will automatically display as Middle Tennessee State University

Step 3: Click “Create my Account.” Go to your MTSU email and follow the confirmation link.



Create an Account on GrantForward

If your institution has already subscribed or had trial access to GrantForward, then you can create an account to use all the features of GrantForward at no extra cost. Simply input your email and we will check whether your institution has access to GrantForward.

Email *

Name

Password

Confirm Password

Institution Name
The email is valid for creating an institutional account. The administrators from the institution have full authorities over managing accounts and even deleting accounts that do not truly belong to their institution.

Department

User Type Default Student Researcher

By clicking "Create My Account", you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the [Terms of Use](#)

Searching for Grants

Keyword Search Option

All of the Keywords/Phrases

E.g. information "data science" "data integration"

+ Advanced Keyword Search

Search

Reset To Default

Find academic disciplines under "Categories".

Go to -- Select a Filter --

Found 26572 results in 0.67 seconds

Sort by

Relevance

Export

Save/Load Search

UI

Narrow down your search using specific criteria.

Sponsors

Categories

Deadline

Status

Amount

Sponsor Types

Grant Types

Applicant Locations

Activity Locations ^{new!}

Citizenships ^{new!}

Submission

Applicant Types

CFDA Numbers

Go to -- Select a Filter --

With current status: *Continuous, Open*

With applicant types: *Individual, Organization, including unspecifi...*

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College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Micro-Grant
Middle Tennessee State University - College of Behavioral and Health Sciences
Middle Tennessee State University

Continuous

MTSU Student Micro-Grants Through the support of our community and the Lewis Hazelwood Student Emergency Fund, MTSU has a dedicated pool of funds available to help students with emergency needs that may impact their ability to continue their education. These micro-grants are designed to provide funding to help address verified need associated with a student's education; as such they may be used...

Amount	Deadline	Eligibility	Submission Info
To \$250			

Exercise Science Career and Internship
Middle Tennessee State University - College of Behavioral and Health Sciences
Middle Tennessee State University
1 more sponsor

Continuous

Internship Information The internship in Exercise Science is in the degree. The internship experience allows/promotes the a learning (knowledge, skills, and abilities) in a real world setting

Save searches here to get robust notification about opportunities.

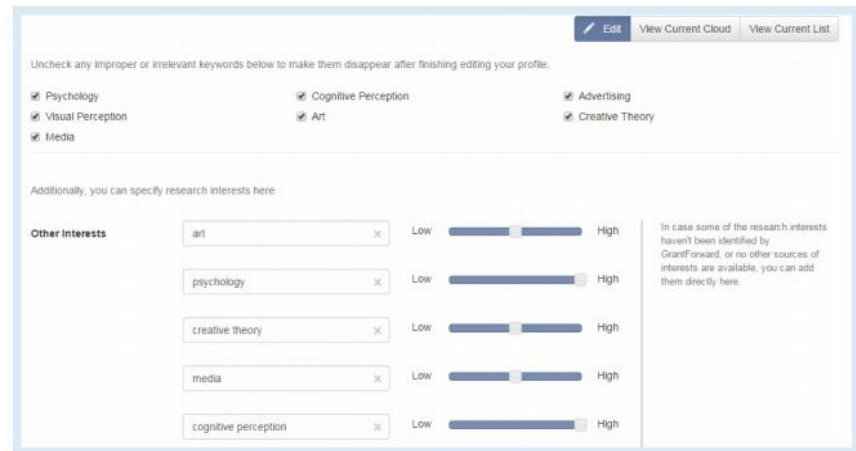
Creating & Customizing Your Profile

- **Step 1.** Under the Profile tab, click “Create Profile”
- **Step 2.** On the following page, select the “Begin Building” button
- **Step 3.** Enter basic information on the first page
- **Step 4.** On the next page there are three ways to connect your information to your profile by choosing from the Interest Source dropdown
 1. If you have an existing research or publication webpage, enter the URL
 2. You can also upload your current CV and your profile interests will be automatically updated.
 3. The final option is to manually input your publications into the text box.
- **Step 5.** Under the Extra Info & Profile Options section, you can customize your profile by entering additional information and a photo of yourself.
- **Step 6.** On the bottom of the section, you can adjust your privacy settings and choose what you wish to display on your profile when other people visit your page.
- **Step 7.** Now your GrantForward Researcher Profile is complete! You can view it by pressing the “My Profile” tab. **If you wish to edit your profile**, you can do so by clicking “Edit My Profile” under the Profile tab.

Getting Recommendations & Notifications

Now that you have a GrantForward Researcher Profile, you can get grant recommendations based on your research interests. You can also set up recommended grant alerts to receive notification emails. To view your recommended grants and set up email notifications:

- **Step 1.** Under the Search tab, click Recommendations to see the full list of your recommended grants.
- **Step 2.** By editing your interests on your profile, you can change the recommended grants to be more relevant to your research needs.
- **Step 3.** Receive notification emails by saving searches and requesting notifications on those saved searches. Notification emails can be turned on or off in the upper right hand corner of the recommendation page.



This screenshot shows the 'Edit' page for a researcher's profile. At the top, there are buttons for 'Edit', 'View Current Cloud', and 'View Current List'. Below this, a list of interests is shown with checkboxes: Psychology, Visual Perception, Media, Cognitive Perception, Art, Advertising, and Creative Theory. A section titled 'Additionally, you can specify research interests here' contains a table of 'Other Interests' with input fields and sliders. The interests listed are 'art', 'psychology', 'creative theory', 'media', and 'cognitive perception', each with a 'Low' to 'High' slider. A note on the right states: 'In case some of the research interests haven't been identified by GrantForward, or no other sources of interests are available, you can add them directly here.'



This screenshot shows the 'Recommendations' page for Gabriella Peters, a Graduate Student in Advertising. The page has a navigation bar with 'Search Home', 'Saved Searches', 'Recommendations', 'Favorites', 'Shared', and 'Sponsors'. A red circle highlights a 'Recommendation email' toggle switch set to 'Yes'. Below the profile information, it states 'Your recommendation grants are based on your following profile information' and 'Your specified keywords of interest. (view your specified keywords)'. There is also an 'Edit Profile' button.

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Reference Materials

Video resources:

- [Welcome to GrantForward](#)
- [Creating Your Profile](#)
- [Searching for Grants](#)
- [Tailoring Your Grant Recommendations](#)
- [Searching with Advanced Filters](#)

Website resources:

- [ORSP homepage](#)
- [GrantForward homepage](#)
- [Research Guide for the system](#)

Q & A

Do you have any questions?