FINDING FUNDING:
DATABASES AND THE FUNDING SCHEDULES

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OUTLINE

- Who are we?
- General Advice
- Funding schedule
- Funding databases
- Demo COS Pivot search
- Common funding sources
- Search and plan
Databases for running searches
Resources for grant-writing
One-on-one consultations
  - Proposal consultation appointments
  - Mapping appointments
Weekly Office Hours
  - Thursday, 12-2pm
Walk-in hours & Workshops in SSRC
  - Internal funding
  - Questions
  - Focused workshops
SAA Vacancies
Twitter page with up-to-date funding opportunities @IUGradGrants
KEY COMPONENTS

- Start early
- Locate prospective grantors
- Use your department’s resources
  - profs, more senior students
- Get on relevant listservs
- Give yourself enough time for 4-5 proposal drafts
- Again, start early...
  - Application cycles often close nine months to a year before the funded period begins
START PLANNING

- Make a funding schedule
  - Built-in deadlines
  - Milestones
  - Structure is your friend
  - Focus on process, not product
What types of funding will you need?

- Conference travel
- Preliminary fieldwork
- Language Acquisition
- Feasibility fieldwork
- Dissertation fieldwork
- Dissertation writing fellowship

Know your research questions!
INTERNAL FUNDING

- Herman B. Wells Fellowship
- Edwards Fellowship
- GPSG
  - Research Grant
  - Conference Grant
- College of Arts and Sciences
  - Travel Grant
- OVPIA grants
  - Pre-dissertation fieldwork grants
  - International Enhancement Grants
  - Region-specific Grants
- CAHI Travel grants
- Area Studies Centers
- MIIRT International Dissertation Research Fellowships
EXTERNAL FUNDING

- National Science Foundation
  - GRFP
  - DDRIG
- Fulbright IIE
- Fulbright Hays
- Ford Foundation Grants
  - Predoctoral and dissertation grants
- AAUW
- Lewis and Clark Exploration Fund
- Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant:
- Social Science Research Council:
  - DPDF
  - IDRF
- Inter-American Foundation Grants
- Boren Awards
- FLAS
- DAAD
- The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship – New Americans
FUNDING DATABASES:

- Grants Forward
- Foundation Grants for Individuals (FGI)
  - Search by region
  - Good for community service, applied projects in specific regions
  - Unique arts projects
- Community of Science Pivot (COS)
  - Funding opportunities worth an estimated $33 billion!

Some guidelines for database searches:
- Cast a wide net
- Consider the spin factor
- Maintain multiple searches
DATABASE SEARCH EXAMPLE

- COS Pivot
- FGI
- Grant Forward
Proposal writing (Weds 2/10 1-2pm: The art of proposal writing)
- Honing your idea
- Customizing your proposal
- The genre of proposal writing
- Organizing your proposal
- Proposal-specific writing tips and mechanics
- More resources

Thank you!
1. List types of funding you will need over the course of your degree (e.g. conference travel, dissertation-writing)
2. Use the funding databases and IU websites