Getting started in a few easy steps...

The University of Miami has access to SPINPlus, the world’s largest funding opportunities database, to assist with the research process. This Quick Start Guide aims to provide you with the basics of using SPINPlus.

**GAINING ACCESS**

2. Select “SPIN” from the InfoEd home page.

   **NOTE:** Remote users, accessing SPINPlus from off campus or from a non-registered IP address, must enter their CaneID and Password.

**REFINING YOUR RESULTS**

**Category Filters** can be configured to describe yourself as an applicant in several areas. Select the most relevant options that describe you, and the system will display only results that you are eligible to apply for.

Results are returned in relevancy ranked format, and can be further sorted, grouped, or filtered by the result’s grid column headers.

**RUNNING A BASIC SEARCH**

SPIN provides a modern full-text search that is run against the entire record. You may search for any component of an opportunity, for example:

- Opportunity Title
- Sponsor Name
- Funding Opportunity Number
- Field/Subject Matter
- Eligible Applicant Types

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**Search Options** can be set under the **Options** menu to configure some personal preferences, such as only viewing recently updated opportunities or excluding US Federal sponsored opportunities.

These options are included as additional parameters in your search.

**Advanced parsing** techniques can be utilized within the full-text search. Words can be excluded by inserting a hyphen prior to them, Boolean and/or logic can be dictated with parentheses, and quoted strings can be used to search for exact phrases.

The “?” to the right of the Search button contains full examples.

For assistance or additional training materials, including an Advanced Reference Guide and User Manual, please contact Patty Atkinson at patkinson@med.miami.edu.