Money can influence progress and change, especially in research and education. But it isn’t always obvious how to locate and apply for funds that support specific research-based initiatives and special projects.

This course will address this money-seeking process by closely examining federal agencies that support innovative work across disciplines. We will unpack sites such as grants.gov and discuss best practices for finding and understanding federal funding opportunities while also breaking down their lifecycles, from pre-application to post-award. Using specific agency applications (e.g., the National Science Foundation) as templates and guides, we will practice writing a proposal from start to finish with an emphasis on crafting narratives understandable to both discipline-specific peers and laypeople alike. We will also engage in collaborative writing and team pitching our work to a panel of reviewers. Research experience is not required.

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