Program Mission

Funded by a 5-year grant from the National Science Foundation, the ADVANCE Program at Brown University seeks to increase the retention and advancement of women faculty in science and engineering by making available those mechanisms that promote career success for all faculty scientists—mechanisms including mentoring, grantseeking support, and tools for becoming leaders in academic and scientific communities. We also strive to transform the institution by utilizing the social science literature on gender equity in resources provided to department chairs and administrators in order to ensure the retention and advancement of women and minority scientists.

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The ADVANCE Program undertakes professional development initiatives to ensure that outstanding women faculty in science and engineering have access to resources that foster success at the highest levels in research, teaching, and academic leadership.

We work in cooperation with the Office of the Vice President for Research and the University Library to provide outreach to grantseekers in the area of funding opportunities and proposal writing resources.

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ADVANCE Wiki
http://goo.gl/o0PxR
Provides professional development information related to research and sponsored projects.

- Faculty Development
  Tips for communicating effectively with federal funding directors and University resources for external funding support.
- Funding for New Investigators
  Info on private foundation and federal award programs for early career investigators in their first tenure-track position.
- Internal Funding Opportunities
  A list of Brown University faculty seed grants and travel funding support.
- Raising Your Research Profile
  Topics include communicating science, scholarly publishing, journal impact factors, designing effective posters, and building collaborations.

Brown University Library: Grant Resources
http://goo.gl/j55A0
Find info on the funding opps database, Community of Science (COS), as well as additional library resources for grant proposal writing.

See especially the NIH Guide, which includes multimedia resources and tutorials for proposal writing and navigating the NIH funding process.

Community of Science (COS)
http://fundingopps.cos.com
A database of funding opp announcements from across the disciplines (including humanities and social sciences). It contains opportunities from public, private, and international funding sources.

Community of Science (COS) Training
http://goo.gl/Y0Zvr
Part of the Library Grant Resources subject guide. Find workshop registration and consultation info as well as handouts and webinars:

- Grantseeking through COS
  Workshops are regularly available through Training.brown.edu. Learn how to search Community of Science (CoS) for funding opportunities and create a user profile for saved searches & automatic funding alerts.
- Dos and Don'ts
  The dos and don'ts provide advice on getting the most out of the database.
- Quick Start User Guide
  See the user guide for information on getting started.
- Webinars
  There are also some very helpful COS webinar recordings available. See specifically the brief and full overviews entitled, COS Funding Opportunities and Funding Alerts.