

Certificate Program in Research Administration

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SPIN is a subscription-based database, targeted primarily to grant seekers from institutions of higher education. It currently contains information from more than 2,500 different sponsors—including federal departments, private foundations, and corporate funding agencies. This comprises more than 11,000 separate funding opportunities for such award types as fellowships, sabbatical & publication support, conference travel funding, equipment acquisition, and much more.

Access SPIN at <http://research.brown.edu/rschadmin/spin.php>



You'll use the **Keywords Field** a lot.

If you are searching one term, click on the [Keywords](#) hyperlink to select a term (e.g. archaeology).

If you want to search two terms at once, click [Use Boolean AND Logic](#). This simply allows you to input 2 keywords to search at once (e.g. adolescents AND alcoholism prevention).

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to SPIN Search' interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'View Criteria/Delete Items', 'Clear Search', 'Run Search', 'Load Search', and 'Save Search'. Below these are links for 'Help', 'Return to the Quick Search Page', 'Change my Security Settings', and 'Home'. A 'Database Type' dropdown menu is set to 'United States'. The main search area is divided into three columns of criteria, each with an 'And' dropdown and a text input field. The first column includes 'Keywords or Use Boolean AND Logic', 'Citizenship', and 'Title Contains'. The second column includes 'Applicant Types', 'Geographic Restrictions', and 'Objectives Contain'. The third column includes 'Award Types', 'Locations Tenable', and 'Synopsis Contains'. Below this is a 'Sponsor Information' section with fields for 'Sponsor:', 'Sponsor Type:', 'Contact:', 'Address:', 'City', and 'State', each with an 'And' dropdown and a text input field.

You can **register** a username & password to be able to save searches and have them run automatically.

The **Synopsis Contains Field** uses free text so you can type whatever search terms you want.

You could include terms such as discipline (e.g. chemical engineering), project descriptions (e.g. travel), or program focus (e.g. women).