

## Guide to External Funding Opportunities-

There are four basic types of funding sources:

**Government** - many government agencies provide funding to individuals and teams of researchers to work on specific types of research projects. Examples of government agencies that provide financial support include:

[The National Science Foundation](#) (NSF) (science, engineering, and education)  
[The National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) (health related projects in science and engineering)  
[The Department of Energy](#) (DOE) (energy-related research)  
[The National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) (NASA) (research related to aerospace science and engineering)  
[U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#) (HHS) (medicine, public health, and social services)  
[U.S. Department of Energy](#) (Energy) (science, innovation, energy economy, security & safety)

**Private Industry** - many private companies provide grants and/or materials and supplies in support of research. Examples of companies that provide targeted support include:

[Honda](#) (e.g., fuel cells and robotics)  
[DuPont](#); (e.g., polymer science broadly defined)  
[L'Oreal](#) (personal care products)

**Foundations** - foundations are another good source of funding for research. Examples of foundations that provide financial support to researchers include: [Foundations & Grantmakers Directory](#)

[Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#) (HHMI)  
[Research Corporation](#) (RC)  
[The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation](#)

**Professional Organizations** - represent still another possible source of funding for your research project. Examples of professional organizations that provide support for research include:

[Sigma Xi](#)  
[The American Association of University Women](#) (AAUW)  
[The American Cancer Society](#)  
[The American Association for the Advancement of Science](#) (AAAS)

### Additional Consideration

There are a number of useful tools that you can use to identify possible funding sources. A number of these can be freely accessed via the world-wide-web:

[The American Association for the Advancement of Science's](#) (AAAS) Grants Net  
[The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Grants](#)  
[The U.S. Department of Education's e-Grants](#)

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