TO: Georgetown University Medical Center Faculty  
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RE: Searching Community of Science for Funding Opportunities

Community of Science (www.cos.org) is the leading global resource for hard-to-find information critical to scientific research and other projects across all disciplines. It aggregates the information allowing investigators to spend less time looking for resources. Please note that GUMC and Main Campus absorb 100% of the cost of this membership so that individual investigators do not have to purchase subscriptions.

COS has transitioned to a new site called Pivot; COS Pivot is a powerful tool which allows investigators to have multiple saved searches and receive weekly updates. If you do not already have an account with COS, you can register here: https://pivot.cos.com/register. To get started, you will simply need to provide your name, email address, and identify Georgetown University as your institution. You will receive a confirmation email and after verifying your email address, you can login and begin searching. The registration process should take less than five minutes.

To begin searching for funding opportunities, click on the gray box on the upper right-hand corner of the page, marked “Search for funding or scholars,” with magnifying glass icon next to it. You can filter the search for funding, profiles, or paper invited to best suit your needs. If you query broadly, e.g., using “cancer,” the search will return over 800 opportunities; your search can be refined by including additional key words as appropriate. Once you have the best search terms, you can then save your query(ies) and elect to receive automatic weekly updates by email. You can save multiple searches if you find that this better covers your area(s) of interest. Each query will return the name of the opportunity, the sponsor, the due date, and the award amount. You can also easily reach the full details by clicking on the opportunity’s name and then on the “Full Detail” link on the next page; this will often bring you to the sponsor’s webpage.

Weekly funding alerts can be run on all of your Saved Searches in COS Pivot. These alerts present any new or updated opportunities that match your saved search(es). The weekly email alert will include the Name of the search, Title and Sponsor of each funding opportunity and a URL to view the full opportunity, along with an indicator if it is either new or limited submission. Please note that if all of your searches have no new search results, you will not receive an email that week. COS also has an extensive YouTube library to familiarize investigators with the program.

You may also want to explore some of the other features of COS, which includes more than 3 million profiles for authors, researchers, and other scholars at more than 2,900 universities in over 79 countries.