

Pivot – Find Funding Opportunities and Research Collaborators

COS has launched Pivot, an integrated tool for identifying funding opportunities and research collaborators. Pivot has created profiles for most faculty members at UC Davis so faculty will not be responsible for inputting and updating their profiles like in the COS platform. Pivot allows individuals to create unique funding searches, choose to receive weekly emails based upon those searches, and track relevant opportunities in addition to creating a funding search based on the account holder's profile. Support Guides and FAQs can be found at <http://pivot.cos.com/support>.

1. Creating a Pivot Account

- Access Pivot at <http://pivot.cos.com>.
- Log-in with an existing COS account *or* create a new account by as follows:
 - Select “Log in”
 - Select “Login Help”
 - Select “Create your Pivot account”
 - Enter the required information – you must use your UC Davis email address
 - Confirm your account by following the instructions in your confirming email.

2. Faculty Profiles

Pivot creates faculty profiles automatically by mining the internet for publications and generates a funding search based upon this information once the profile has been claimed. To claim a profile:

- If there is a “Claim profile” link after logging in, your profile has not been claimed
- Click the “Claim profile” link and select the profile that is yours by clicking “this is me.” If no results display, click “suggest a scholar”
- You can see a funding search tailored to your profile once it is available by clicking the “Advisor” tab on the home page
- Detailed instructions can be found at:
<http://pivot.cos.com/guides/Creating and Updating Your Profile.pdf>

3. Creating Funding Searches

- Select “Search – for funding or scholars” from the home page
- Choose advanced search to select your search perimeters to narrow the opportunities that are returned based on your keyword search
 - Helpful search/requirement criteria to minimize the search results: US Citizenship or Residency; Academic Institution under Requirements
 - Other helpful criteria to use: Funding Amount, Sponsor, Deadline, Funding Type; Activity Location
- To save the query for later use, choose “Save Query” on the results page
- Select “Saved Searches” to view from the Pivot Homepage
- Detailed instructions can be found at: <http://pivot.cos.com/faqs#funding>

4. Identifying Research Collaborators

- Select “Search – for funding or scholars” from the home page
- Select “Search for Faculty”
- Select “Advanced Search”
- Enter keyword(s) you wish to search and select appropriate search perimeters.
- Detailed instructions can be found at <http://pivot.cos.com/guides/Profile Search Tips.pdf>.