



Midas

Databases of Funding Sources

Midas (<http://midas.unm.edu>) is an online service designed and maintained by the Office of the Vice President for Research at the University of New Mexico. Midas allows users within the University community to search a variety of databases for government and private funding information and opportunities including grants, contracts, and fellowships. Users can also access and search relevant funding publications via Midas. Access to the databases is restricted to members of the UNM community, including faculty, staff, and students. A UNM NetID and password are necessary to use Midas.

Using Midas

Midas allows UNM users to conduct searches for funding information from their home, office or department computers. Midas allows users to customize funding searches to fit individual needs and interests.

The foundation of a successful Midas search is understanding and phrasing keywords and Boolean operators effectively. The following instructions will show you how to use these and other Midas tools to make the most comprehensive funding search.

Access to Midas via the Web

Once a Web browser is running, the following steps will direct you to the Midas search page:

1. Place the cursor in the address field in the toolbar at the top of the page.
2. Type in the Web address (URL): <http://midas.unm.edu>
3. Log in by entering your UNM NetID and password in the respective fields and click 'login'.

The Midas Search Page

Choose the databases you would like to search.

You can choose any or all of the databases/collections to perform a search on. A checkmark indicates that a collection is selected. To select or deselect a database, click in the check box to the left of its name. You can choose "Select All/Clear All," button at the bottom of the list to check or un-check all of the collections. It is important to check at least one of the check boxes, or to select them all, as performing a search with no checkboxes selected will search all of the UNM web site and will return non-funding related information.

Enter words or phrases, separated by commas or boolean operators in the text box.

You may use a maximum of thirty-two (32) words; any words over this limit will be ignored. Only documents containing all of your search terms will be returned. Boolean operators must be capitalized. The search engine interprets spaces as the Boolean operator **AND**.

+ (plus sign): Functions as the Boolean **AND** or a comma.

OR: e.g., women OR health; either ‘women’ or ‘health’ can be in the document. You may also use | (vertical bar or pipeline) as an operator, functioning as an ‘OR’.

You may also use the following operators to refine your search:

- (minus sign): Functions as the Boolean **NOT**, e.g., women -health or women NOT health; returns documents that have ‘women,’ but not ‘health’.

~ (tilde): A tilde placed immediately before a term will cause the search engine to find the word itself as well as synonyms for the word.

" " (Quotes): e.g., “new mexico”; documents that have the exact phrase ‘new mexico’ in them; without the quotes, the search would return results with the words ‘new’ and ‘mexico’ in them, but not necessarily contiguous.

Case-sensitivity

Searches are case-insensitive, and case will not affect what documents the search engine returns. Thus, it does not matter whether you type “New Mexico”, “new mexico” or “NEW MEXICO”.

Stemming

The search engine will automatically search for variations of a word; e.g., a search for ‘child’ will return documents containing children, childlike, etc.

Ordering of Terms

The search engine gives greater priority to results which have the terms you search for in the order you type them.

Number of results per page

The number of headlines that will appear in the “Search Results” page can be set; setting this to a small number will result in quicker download times, which may be important if your Internet connection is slow.

Search/Clear

Click the “Search” button to process the search, click the “Clear” button to clear all the fields and begin a new search.

Search Results

Midas search results have the following components:

1. The “Search Results” screen, listing the title(s) of the documents found by the search.
Note: The title of each document is a link to that document. To view the document, click on the title.
2. A brief synopsis of the content.
3. The URL, indicating the source, database or collection, of the result.

Retrieved documents

Each database on Midas has a unique format based on the publisher's style. Most citations will include deadline dates, program objectives, eligibility requirements, fiscal information, contact names and numbers, etc. More information on the citation may be available directly from the funding agency.

Sending or printing retrieved documents

All citations can be sent via email and/or printed locally, depending on the Web browser employed and how the printer is configured.

Midas Databases

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) – updated annually

The CFDA is a government-wide compendium of federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public.

The New Mexico Catalog of Local Assistance Programs – updated periodically by the state.

The New Mexico Catalog of Local Assistance Programs is the state correlate of the CFDA.

The New Mexico Funding Directory

This database is compiled and maintained by Research Administration. It includes funding sources that are restricted to, or focus on, New Mexico.

Sponsored Program Information Network (SPIN) – updated weekly

SPIN is developed, compiled, and offered by InfoEd International, Inc. SPIN includes federal, private and corporate foundations, corporate direct giving, and other sponsored funding.

Reference Service Press (RSP): Funding to Go Abroad – updated semiannually

Reference Service Press compiles this database of funding sources for overseas travel support for faculty and students.

Reference Service Press (RSP): Funding for Minorities – updated semiannually

Reference Service Press compiles this database of funding sources for minority applicants, including sources for faculty and students.

Reference Service Press (RSP): Funding for Women – updated semiannually

Reference Service Press compiles this database of funding sources for female applicants, including sources for faculty and students.

The Taft Directory of Corporate and Private Foundation Givers – Archival information only; updated versions only available in print. This database details information on private and corporate foundations, and corporate direct-giving programs.

Midas Electronic Funding Publications

Separate from the databases are several funding-related publications that can be accessed. Some of these are also integrated into Midas.

The New Mexico Catalog of Local Assistance Programs – updated periodically by the state of New Mexico.

This is a catalog of all the diverse programs administered by the State of New Mexico. The catalog is listed by state agency and each section is in PDF format. Click on the agency name to obtain each section with a listing of programs.

The Grants Advisor Plus – updated monthly

The Grants Advisor that has both federal and non-federal funding information articles. Deadline Hyperlinks has both federal and non-federal funding information in deadline format projecting a 60 day forecast. This service is accessible only from UNM computers. If you encounter problems accessing this service, please email research@unm.edu.

Instructions:

1. Choose the “Grants Advisor Plus” link. To access the current issue listings, specify a subject (e.g. fine arts, humanities, sciences, etc.) under the “Deadline Hyperlinks” headline. This provides you with a current overview of deadlines, abstracts and related email addresses to request additional information. You can also access the current newsletter issue under the “Newsletter Files” heading.
2. To search the entire publication, choose the “Database Search” link on the left-side menu bar, then search by selecting a database and entering search information.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) Online

Link to *GPO Access*, a finding aid designed to assist the public to locate information throughout the Federal Government and uses the FirstGov search index.

Link to the GPO’s *Federal Register on the Web*, for a full-length version of The Federal Register. This site also gives you access to information regarding deadlines, contacts, and brief program description.

Link to *FedBizOpps* for complete daily editions.

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is the Federal government's portal for finding and applying for over one thousand grant opportunities from any of twenty-six participating agencies.

The NIH Guide (NIH) - updated bi-weekly

The NIH-Guide includes the index of the publication as well as the full text of each bi-weekly edition of program announcements, RFPs and RFQs.

GrantsNet

GrantsNet provides information on grants and fellowships, as well as a searchable database of 1000 funding programs for young biomedical researchers, faculty, and administrators.

GuideStar.org

GuideStar is a national database of non-profit information, and requires free registration to search.

Error Messages

The most common reason for a search to result in error is missing/unclosed parentheses or quotes around search terms. If all parentheses or quotes are closed and errors persist, contact us at research@unm.edu.

Contact

Please address questions or concerns to:

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