Using Pivot to search the Community of Scholars (COS) database.

The COS databases lists grant and funding opportunities for all disciplines from sources around the world. The University is a member, so signing into the service is quite easy. Go to http://pivot.cos.com/ and create an account. There is a sign in link in the upper right hand corner. The sign in page is below.

UD will be in the drop down box. Be sure to use your UD email. Once you hit “Create my account”, you will receive an email to which you must respond in order to complete the account creation process. Your email will become your username. Now that you have created your account, you are ready to get started. Below is the home page.
If you click on “Funding” on the dark gray bar across the top, you will be taken to a search page. The system is very similar to library database search sites that you have likely used before. Additionally, there are links to tutorials on each page. Below, the word “autism” was entered into the search window. The results are shown below.

You can open a specific entry for greater detail regarding eligibility, deadlines, etc. If you click the box to the left of the entry, you can export, track, share or set the entry to active. You can also save your searches and receive email notices regarding changes with respect to the entries in your search. In the column to the left is a summary of the types of funding opportunities which comprise your search results. For example, if you are searching for opportunities from private foundations, there are 15 in the search above. By clicking on “Private Foundation” you will be presented with only those 15 listings. There are a number of other ways to limit your search. The Advanced search link (above) can also be very useful. Below, the search was limited to those grants which require affiliation with an academic institution.