

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Create your Pivot Account' page. At the top left is the 'pivot' logo and 'University of Dayton'. At the top right are links for 'Announcements', 'Log in', and 'About COS Pivot'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Funding' and 'Profiles', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Create your Pivot Account' and includes instructions: 'You must be affiliated with an institution that subscribes to Pivot in order to create an account. You will receive a verification email. Once your account is created, your email address will be your Pivot user id.' Below this is a form with fields for 'Name' (First, Middle, Last), 'Email', 'Password', and 'Re-enter password'. There is a dropdown menu for 'Affiliated Member Institution' with 'University of Dayton' selected. A 'Create my account' button is at the bottom. A note says 'All fields required.' At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Support/Help', 'About Pivot', 'Privacy', 'Terms of Use', 'Accessibility', and 'Contact', along with a copyright notice for ProQuest, LLC.

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.

The screenshot shows the Pivot home page. At the top left is the 'pivot' logo and 'University of Dayton'. At the top right are links for 'Announcements', 'Carolyn Phelps', and 'HELP'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Funding' (circled in red) and 'Profiles', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Active Opps' and includes a sidebar with filters: 'Active', 'Tracked', 'Saved Searches' (1), 'Shared', 'Received', and 'Advisor'. Below the filters is a table with columns for 'Type' and 'clear'. The table has four rows: 'Limited Submission' (checked), 'Internal Coordination' (checked), 'Other' (checked), and 'Expired' (unchecked). The main content area has text: 'Save the most critical or time-sensitive funding opportunities you find to your Active list. Use tags to organize and receive an email when an active opp is updated (both optional). Click on the Funding tab to begin your search or use the quick search in the navigation bar at the top of the page. View Tutorial'. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Support/Help', 'About Pivot', 'Privacy', 'Terms of Use', 'Accessibility', and 'Contact', along with a copyright notice for ProQuest, LLC.

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.

The screenshot shows the Pivot University of Dayton search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Funding' and 'Profiles' tabs. A search bar contains the word 'autism'. Below the search bar, the page displays 'Search Funding Results' for the query 'autism'. There are links for 'Advanced Search', 'Save Search', and 'Refine Search'. The main content area shows a list of 56 results. On the left side, there is a sidebar with various filters. The 'Top funding types' section is expanded, showing 'Private Foundation' with 15 results, which is circled in red. Other funding types include Research (38), Training or Scholarship (19), Program or Curriculum (9), Postdoctoral Award (4), and Meeting or Conference (2). The 'Top sponsor types' section shows 'Federal, USG...' (16), 'Private Foundation' (15), 'State or Nonprofit' (7), 'Academic Institution' (7), and 'Professional Society o...' (4). The 'Top requirements' section shows 'New Faculty or New Inv...' (35), 'PhD or MD or Other Pro...' (34), 'Nonprofit' (18), and 'Small Business' (17). The main results table has columns for 'Submission type', 'Deadline', and 'Amount'. The first result is 'Autism Scholars Awards' with a deadline of 02 Dec 2014 and an amount of \$20,000 CAD. Other results include 'Autism Speaks Family Services Community Grants', 'Simons Fellowship in Computational Neuroscience', 'Donald J. Cohen Fellowship in Developmental Social Neuroscience', 'LIMITED Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program', and 'Simons Fellowship in Design Engineering'.

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.

The screenshot shows the Pivot University of Dayton advanced search page. The search bar at the top contains 'autism'. Below the search bar, there is a 'Funding Advanced Search' section with a 'View Tutorial' link. The 'Find Opportunities matching' section has two radio buttons: 'Match all of the fields' (selected) and 'Match any of the fields'. There are three search criteria rows, each with a dropdown menu set to 'All Fields' and a text input field containing 'autism'. The first row is 'autism', the second is 'autism adulthood', and the third is 'autism adulthood'. There is an 'Add another row' button and a 'Clear' button. Below the search criteria, there are several expandable sections: 'Amount', 'Deadlines', 'Limited Submission', 'Activity Location', 'Citizenship or Residency', 'Funding Type', 'Keyword', and 'Requirements'. The 'Requirements' section is expanded, showing a list of checkboxes: 'Academic Institution' (checked), 'Commercial', 'Government', and 'Graduate Student'. There is a 'Clear' button next to the 'Academic Institution' checkbox. The 'Sponsor Type' section is also visible but not expanded.