**Post Doc Funding FAQ**

Q: I am interested in applying for a grant. What is the School’s submission process?

A: Contact your grant manager to discuss the process for the award you are interested in.

Q: How do I know who my grant manager is?

A: Check with your department administrator.

Q: I am writing an application that requires collaboration with another university. What do I do?

A: This requires a subcontract you can set this up with your grant manager.

Q: How do I know if a particular grant is a good fit for me?

A: Below are a few tips and questions to ask yourself that may help you decide if you are a viable candidate for a grant and if it is a good fit for your work.

1. Look up successful candidates from past cycles of this grant. What type of science was funded? Does the funder have a geographic preference?
2. Think about your reasons for applying for this particular mechanism. Will this grant help you achieve your career goals?
3. Talk to the program officer for the grant. They can often help you determine if you are a competitive candidate and provide feedback on your strategic aims/abstract.

Q: How do I search for grants?

A: As a member of the Harvard community, you have access to a helpful search tools such as COS Pivot and Foundation Directory Online. Please visit the [ORSD website](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/research-strategy-and-development/funding-announcements/search-engines/) for the appropriate links. To assist you in customizing your Pivot search, please also see the ORSD Post Doc Search Guide (ADD LINK).

Q: How do I know if an NIH grant will jeopardize my Early Stage Investigator (ESI) status?

A: Visit this [NIH page](https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/list-smaller-grants.htm) that lists grants and awards that allow a researcher to maintain their ESI status.