The guide below provides examples of basic searching for the databases described below. Although advanced searching is strongly recommended, the instructions below are useful and will retrieve significant funding information. For a comprehensive description of the databases, refer to the "Grant Resources: Locating Funding Opportunities" handout. The following keywords will be used across all databases: “hiv aids united states” and will use the “and” logic.

### CRISP

**Description:** A database of federally-funded biomedical research projects. Search this database search for scientific concepts, emerging trends and techniques, or identify specific projects and/or investigators.


**General Searching:**

Using the “and” Boolean logic (check button below), enter the keyword that you would like to have included in your results. This data

**Other Search Techniques OR Search Tips:**
- When retrieving a large number of citations, use additional fields to limit your search results
- For precise retrieval, consider using the CRISP Thesaurus. You must cut and paste the main term into the “Enter Search Terms” box
- The I.E. browser is recommended

### InfoEd: SPIN/Smarts

**Description:** Easy-to-use funding database which includes opportunities from more than 2,500 sponsoring agencies.

**Go to:** [http://www.med.nyu.edu/spa/funding/services/index.html](http://www.med.nyu.edu/spa/funding/services/index.html) or [http://infoed.med.nyu.edu/login.asp](http://infoed.med.nyu.edu/login.asp)

**General Searching:**

Enter your keywords in the search box. From the three choices below the search box, select the criteria relevant to your search.

**Other Search Techniques OR Search Tips:**
- Search in the “advanced” mode. Though very complex, it may be useful.
- Review the terms in the “Keyword Thesaurus” for more precise searching.
Grants.gov

Description: A web-based search interface of grant opportunities from all Federal grant-funding agencies.

Go to: http://grants.gov

General Searching:

This is a very easy to use, comprehensive search engine, and links are extremely easy to navigate.

Other Search Techniques OR Search Tips:
- Search in the "advanced" mode. It is extremely easy to search in the advanced mode, and highly recommended. Provides the best searching interface of all of the grants databases! If seeking funding outside of governmental resources, however, you must use InfoEd: SPIN/Smarts and/or Community of Science.

Community of Science

Description: A comprehensive database featuring almost 400,000 funding opportunities.

Go to: http://www.cos.com.ezproxy.med.nyu.edu/services/

General Searching:

Type in the keywords relevant to your topic, and click on "COS Search"

Other Search Techniques OR Search Tips:
- Search in the "advanced" mode. Though very complex, it may be useful.
- Includes a very powerful "keyword" searching function