



## Example searches on ResearchProfessional.com for Travel funding

Creating searches on [ResearchProfessional.com](http://ResearchProfessional.com) doesn't have to be complicated.

Below we show example searches specifically aimed at finding travel funding for research purposes and/or for travel to conferences/meetings. You might also find our [Travel Grants](#) web page useful.

For a wide variety of sample searches, do also have a look at our [General example funding searches](#), as well as our example searches for [Early Career Researchers](#) and [Visiting Researchers](#).

*Please note:* this document should be read in conjunction with our [Quick Start Guide](#), which gives a basic overview of the system and provides information on setting up e-mail alerts, saving, sharing and printing funding opportunities.

All these documents can be found at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/)

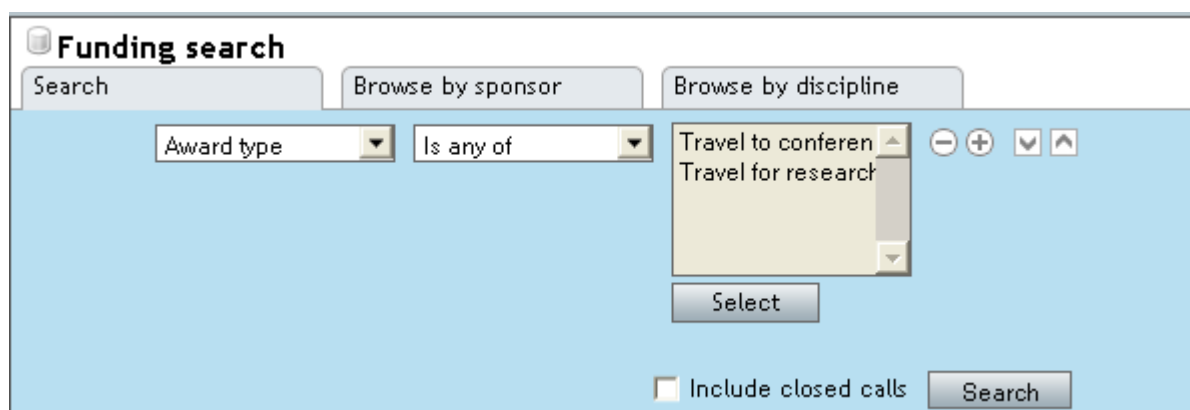
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## 1. Finding Travel Funding: A Step-by-Step Guide

In the following example, you are searching for travel funding in 'History'. To do this, you first need to select 'Award type' as your search criteria. We suggest you select 'Award type' > is any of > 'Travel for research purposes' and 'Travel to conferences, meetings, etc'.

### Step 1: Start with the Award type



The screenshot shows the 'Funding search' interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Search', 'Browse by sponsor', and 'Browse by discipline'. Below the tabs, there is a search bar and a dropdown menu for 'Award type'. The dropdown menu is open, showing two options: 'Travel for research purposes' and 'Travel to conferences, meetings etc.'. A 'Select' button is located below the dropdown menu. At the bottom of the interface, there is a checkbox for 'Include closed calls' and a 'Search' button.


Selected Items	
Travel for research purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Travel to conferences, meetings etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Explanation of Award Types used in this example

- 'Travel for research purposes': this is used when a sponsor specifies that funds must be used for travel needed to complete research.
- 'Travel to conferences, meetings etc.': this is used when a sponsor offers to provide financial support, either up front or retrospectively, for travel to research-related conferences or meetings.

### Step 2: Narrow the search results down by using the Disciplines criteria

You can then add a Discipline (in the example below, 'History') by clicking on the plus

symbol  and using the operator 'And'.

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In this example, we chose the *'is exact or narrower'* operator, which will return funding opportunities that have been indexed

- exactly with the discipline term History [*exact*]
- with any of the terms below History, e.g. 'Modern History' etc. [*narrower*]

*Note:*

- If you chose 'Or' here to connect the two search criteria instead of 'And' you would get **all** results for History (not only travel funding), and all results for 'travel for research purposes' and 'travel to conferences/meetings' (all subjects) – which would not be helpful!
- To only get results that have been indexed exactly at the level of 'History', change the operator *'is exact or narrower'* to *'is any of'*.
- To get the broadest possible results for this search, change the operator to *'is broader, exact or narrower'*. This will return calls indexed at the level *above* 'History' [i.e. 'Arts & Humanities'], **and** those calls indexed with the discipline term 'Any', which are non subject-specific, as well as **all** opportunities below and exactly at the level of 'History'.

The broadest search can be very useful as travel grants are often indexed within broad discipline areas (such as 'Arts & Humanities' or 'Any Discipline') rather than very specific ones (such as 'European History'). Although you might get many results initially, you will be able to narrow your search down further later by adding other relevant criteria such as 'Closing Date', etc.

**Step 3 (optional): Add time-based criteria (e.g. Closing date before mm/yyyy) and move these up to the top of your search**

You can also add a limit for the deadline (e.g. 'Closing date'>*is before*>31/10/2012). This will exclude any opportunities without deadlines, so you need to add another criterion with 'Closing date > no date' in this case, connected by the operator 'Or'.


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Closing date Is before 31/10/2012  
Or Closing date No date dd/MM/yyyy

Alternatively, you could also search for 'Days until closing' > 'is less than' > e.g. '90'.

Days until closing Is less than 90  
Or Closing date No date dd/MM/yyyy

**Important:** We have to put the 'Or' operator **before** the 'And' operators in this search. This is because 'Or' operators always search the **entire** database, and from those results we can then narrow down easily by adding other operators and criteria, such as 'And' > 'Award type' and 'Discipline'.

You can move your new search criteria up to the top of your search by clicking on the upwards arrows .

Our **final search** looks like this:

**Funding search**  
Search Browse by sponsor Browse by discipline  
Closing date No date dd/MM/yyyy  
Or Closing date Is before 31/10/2012  
And Award type Is any of  
Travel to conferen  
Travel for research  
Select  
And Disciplines Is exact or narrow History

**Explanation:** If we had inserted our 'Or' operators *after* Award and Discipline criteria, we would have received three separate results:

- **All** results within our discipline 'History' that would be relevant to hosting visits/hosting access to facilities;
- **All** funding opportunities that contain the keyword 'visiting' (not just 'History'-related), and then
- **All** funding opportunities with closing dates before 31 October 2012 or without deadlines (**not** 'History'-related)!

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This search would *not* have been useful.

Once your search is finalised, you can sort your search results, e.g. by sponsor name or closing deadline.

You can then save your search into your Funding panel so you can re-run (or amend it) at any time in the future. See our [Quick Start Guide](#) for more information on setting up e-mail alerts, saving, sharing and printing funding opportunities.

## 2. Further example searches

### 2.1 Travel funding from UK sponsors (Social Sciences)

The following search will bring back travel funding opportunities indexed with exactly 'Social Sciences' and any of the disciplines below 'Social Sciences' (e.g. Criminology, Psychology, etc), which are from UK sponsors only.

The screenshot shows the 'Funding search' interface with the following criteria:

- Disciplines: Social Sciences
- Award type: Travel for research, Travel to conferen
- Sponsor country: United Kingdom

The search criteria are combined using the 'And' operator. The 'Include closed calls' checkbox is unchecked. The search button is labeled 'Search'.

*Note:* As we have combined all criteria by the operator 'And', the order of the search criteria is not important here.

## 2.2 Travel and collaboration grants in Italy, Germany and Singapore

This very broad search will bring back travel and networking/collaboration funding opportunities from Italy, Germany and Singapore only, which have been indexed *above* and exactly at the level of Biomaterials and Biological Sciences, as well as any indexed below these two terms.

### Explanation of further Award Types used in this example

- 'Networking/collaboration': this is used when a sponsor offers funds to establish research networks or collaborations.

**Funding search**

Search | Browse by sponsor | Browse by discipline

Award type | Is any of | Networking/collab | Travel to conferen | Travel for research | Select

And | Sponsor country | Is any of | Singapore | Italy | Germany | Select

And | Disciplines | Is broader, exact c | Biomaterials | Biological Science | Select

Include closed calls | Search

- In the case of 'Biomaterials' (a third-level keyword on the Rodman Index), this means that you will get all funding opportunities above 'Biomaterials', from 'Materials & Products' (Health & Safety & Medical) (a second-level keyword), as well as from the top-level keyword 'Biomedical, Medical and Health', and from any non-subject specific discipline. There are no further opportunities indexed below 'Biomaterials', as there are only three levels on the Rodman Index.
- In the case of 'Biological Sciences' (a second-level keyword on the Rodman Index), this means that you will get all funding opportunities above 'Biological Sciences', from 'Science, Technology, Maths & Computing' (a top-level keyword), as well as from any non-subject specific discipline. In addition, you will also get all funding opportunities indexed below 'Biological Sciences', e.g. 'Bioengineering', but also terms such as 'Air Pollution' etc which might not be relevant to you.

*Tip:* If this search is too broad for you, try and narrow the Discipline search down to 'is exact or narrower'. You can also run a separate search using 'is any of' (=indexed exactly at the level of the discipline term) and another search using 'is broader' to get an idea of what the best search is for your requirements.

### 3. Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** set up at least a couple of different searches and compare their results before turning them into e-mail alerts, so you know you get well-matched results every time. If you get few results, consider broadening your search criteria.
- **Don't** rely on full text searches but use the 'Discipline' operator instead.
- **Don't** set up email alerts from searches with **time-based criteria** (e.g. closing date within 90 days) as you will get very few (if any) results in your weekly email alert.
- **Don't** exclude by Award type, i.e. don't use the operator 'And not' with any Award types. (Example: Award type = 'Mid-career fellowships' *And not* Award type = 'Travel' will exclude those awards listed with both mid-career fellowships and Travel.)

### Disclaimer

ResearchProfessional.com and Research Services aim to give the correct information about these opportunities, however, please always check the sponsor's website as details can change, for example the deadline dates.