



Example funding searches on ResearchProfessional.com for Visiting Researchers

Creating searches on ResearchProfessional.com doesn't have to be complicated.

Below we show example searches specifically aimed at finding funding for Visiting Researchers and hosting access to facilities. You might also find our [Funding for Visiting Researchers](#) 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 [Travel funding](#).

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/

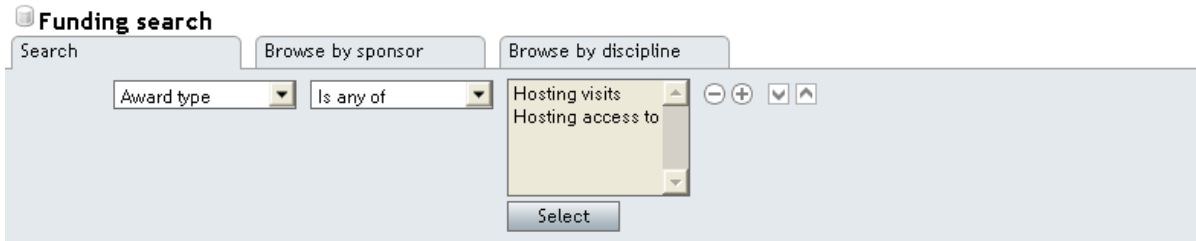
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1. Funding for Visiting Researchers/Hosting Access to Facilities: Step-by-Step Guide

In the following example, you are searching for funding for visiting researchers in the Computer Sciences. To do this, you first need to select 'Award type' as your search criteria. We suggest you select 'Award type' > is any of > 'Hosting visits' and 'Hosting access to facilities'.

Step 1: Start with the Award type



The screenshot shows the 'Funding search' interface. It has three tabs: 'Search', 'Browse by sponsor', and 'Browse by discipline'. The 'Search' tab is active. Under 'Search', there is a dropdown menu for 'Award type' set to 'Is any of'. A second dropdown menu is open, showing 'Hosting visits' and 'Hosting access to facilities' as selected items. A 'Select' button is visible below the dropdown.


Selected Items	
Hosting visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hosting access to facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Explanation of Award Types used in this example

- *'Hosting visits'*: this is used when a sponsor offers funds for an institution or centre to host a guest for a short period (for example a visiting researcher or visiting lecturer etc.)
- *'Hosting access to facilities'*: this is used when the sponsor provides funds for the hosting of access to facilities or pieces of equipment. The funds are given to the institution with the facilities, rather than directly to individual researchers who wish to use them.

To help the Visiting Researcher with travel expenses you could also look for [Travel funding](#) in this search.

Step 2 (optional): Search the entire database for a keyword by using the operator 'Or'

To make absolutely sure that you don't miss any other potential funding opportunities that might have the keyword 'visiting' in their description, you may want to add this keyword connected by the 'Or' operator. You do this by pressing the  symbol and adding another search criterion, in this case 'Or' > 'Full text' > 'contains' > 'visiting'.

A word of caution: The full text search will also get you results that will not be relevant for you, as it just picks up the word 'visiting' in the funding opportunity description. For example, an opportunity explicitly stating 'Not for visiting researchers' would also be displayed in your search results.

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Funding search

Search | Browse by sponsor | Browse by discipline

Award type | Is any of | Hosting visits | Hosting access to


Select

Or | Full text | Contains | visiting

Note: The operator 'Or' will always search the **entire** database for results, whereas 'And'/'And not' just searches the results we got from the previous search criterion. This is why it is vital to get the order of the 'Or' and 'And' operators right!

So, in this example, we will first get **all** results for hosting visits/hosting access to facilities that have been indexed on the database; and then **all** results on the database that have the keyword 'visiting' in.

Step 3: Narrow the search results down by using the Disciplines criteria

You can then add a Discipline (in the example below, 'Computer Sciences') by clicking on the plus symbol  and using the operator 'And'.

In this example, we choose the 'is any of' operator, which will only get results that have been indexed **exactly** at the level of 'Computer Sciences'.

Funding search

Search | Browse by sponsor | Browse by discipline

Award type | Is any of | Hosting visits | Hosting access to

Select

Or | Full text | Contains | visiting

And | Disciplines | Is any of | Computer Science

Note:

- If you chose 'Or' here you would get **all** results for Computer Sciences (not only visiting funding), all for 'visiting' (all subjects), and all for 'Hosting visits/Hosting access to facilities' (all subjects) – which would not be helpful!
- If you would like to get broader funding results you could choose the operator 'is exact or narrower' next to the 'Disciplines' criteria, which will return results indexed exactly at the level of 'Computer Sciences' **and** its levels below, e.g. 'Applied

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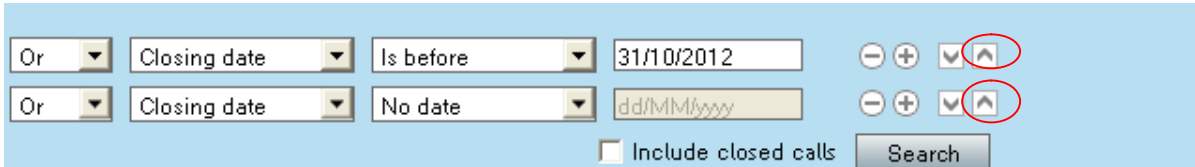
Informatics' etc.

- 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* 'Computer Sciences' [i.e. 'Science & Technology, Maths, Computing'], **and** those calls indexed with the discipline term 'Any', which are non subject-specific, as well as all opportunities below 'Computer Sciences'.

The broadest search can be very useful as funding opportunities for hosting visits (and travel grants) are often indexed with broad discipline areas (such as 'Science & Technology, Maths, Computing' or 'Any Discipline') rather than very specific ones (such as 'Applied Informatics'). 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 4 (optional): Add time-based criteria (e.g. Closing date before mm/yyyy) and move these 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.



The screenshot shows a search interface with two criteria added. The first criterion is 'Closing date' 'Is before' '31/10/2012'. The second criterion is 'Closing date' 'No date' 'dd/MM/yyyy'. Both criteria have an 'Or' operator and an upward arrow icon circled in red. There is also an 'Include closed calls' checkbox and a 'Search' button.

Important: We have to put all the 'Or' operators **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 the operator 'And' 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:

Explanation: If we had inserted our 'Or' operators *after* Award and Discipline types, we would have received three separate results: **All** results within our discipline 'Computer Science' that would be relevant to hosting visits/hosting access to facilities; **all** funding opportunities that contain the keyword 'visiting' (not just 'Computer Sciences'-related), and then **all** funding opportunities with closing dates before 31 October 2012 or without deadlines (**not** 'Computer Sciences'-related)! 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 in 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. 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.