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A partnership between the U-M Library and Medical School Office of Research to develop an online Research Funding & Grants Guide to meet the needs of researchers frustrated with the time and effort it takes to search for funding opportunities.

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Consultation Services

- A form to request a personalized grant-seeking consultation is available and the requests are triaged through a centralized software system (BMC Numara FootPrints) tracks the status of requests.

The Challenge

- Through a survey we learned that researchers frequently face the daunting task of locating appropriate funding to support their research.

Goal

- Provide a centralized way for faculty to find internal and external funding opportunities and to offer tailored assistance through an information consultation service.

Solution: Online Guide

- An easy-to-use resource guide and consultation service that assists researchers across campus, regardless of discipline, in harvesting resources pertaining to finding funding.

Guide available at: http://funding.research.umich.edu

Lessons Learned

- This collaboration helped us to better understanding researchers’ needs and provide services and resources to find research funding and can serve as a model for others seeking to partner with stakeholders at research institutions.

The Impact

- Faculty seeking information about research funding at the U-M and beyond now have a one-stop resource guide and a campus-wide system to handle requests tailored to specific research funding needs.