

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.

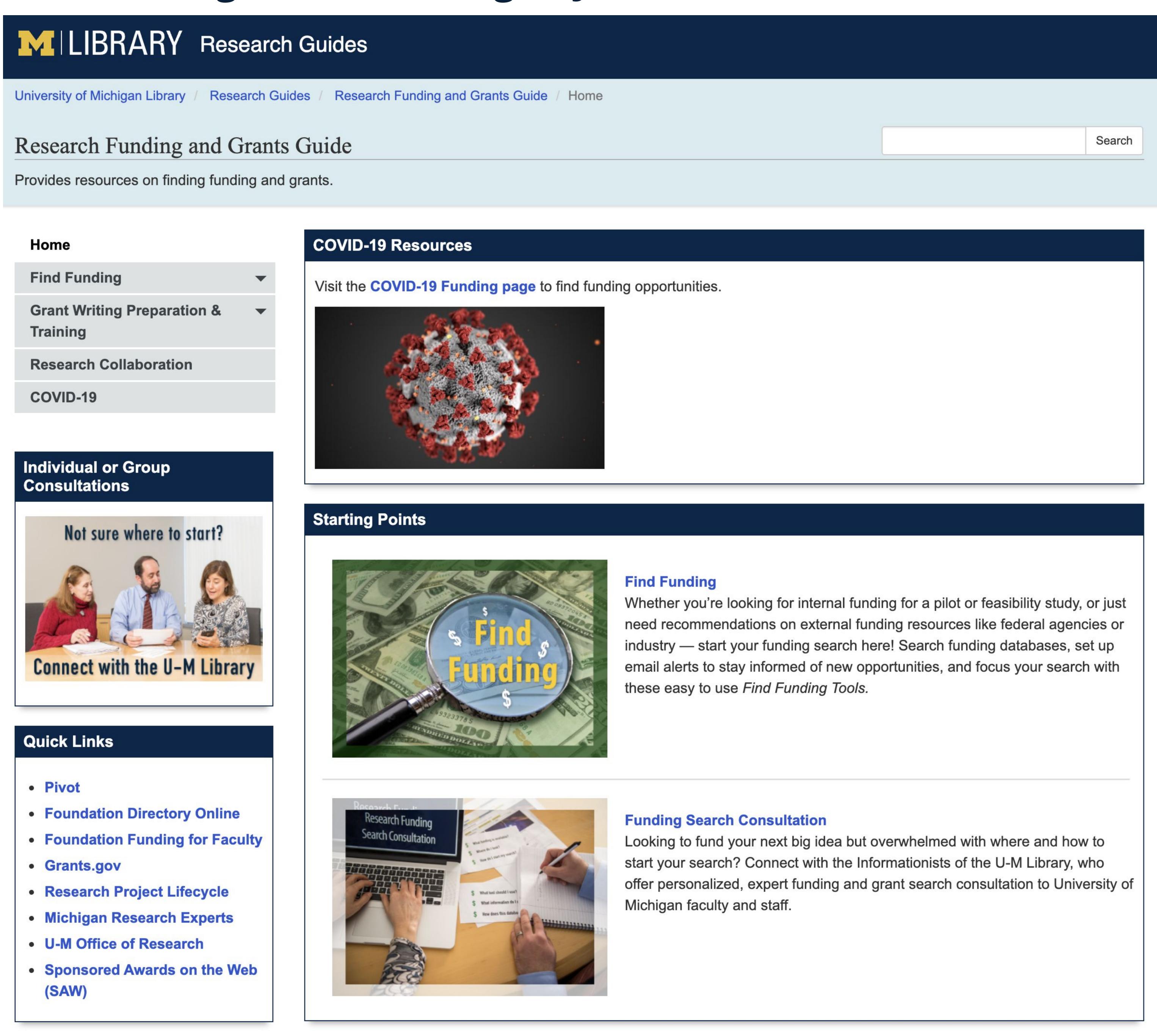
Solution: Online Guide

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

Simplifying the Process for Finding Research Funding: A Cross-Campus Collaboration at a Large Academic Institution

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

Paper available at: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02763869.2016.1117289



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 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.

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.