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## 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.

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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The screenshot shows the 'M LIBRARY Research Guides' website. The header includes the University of Michigan Library logo and navigation links: 'University of Michigan Library / Research Guides / Research Funding and Grants Guide / Home'. Below the header is a search bar and the title 'Research Funding and Grants Guide' with a description: 'Provides resources on finding funding and grants.' The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Home' with a dropdown menu for 'Find Funding', 'Grant Writing Preparation & Training', 'Research Collaboration', and 'COVID-19'; 'COVID-19 Resources' with a sub-header and a link to 'COVID-19 Funding page' and an image of a virus; 'Individual or Group Consultations' with a sub-header, an image of three people, and the text 'Not sure where to start? Connect with the U-M Library'; 'Quick Links' with a list of links: 'Pivot', 'Foundation Directory Online', 'Foundation Funding for Faculty', 'Grants.gov', 'Research Project Lifecycle', 'Michigan Research Experts', 'U-M Office of Research', and 'Sponsored Awards on the Web (SAW)'; and 'Starting Points' with two sub-sections: 'Find Funding' (with an image of a magnifying glass over money) and 'Funding Search Consultation' (with an image of hands working on a laptop).

## 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.

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

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