

## How to Get Started Seeking Grants @ RISD

RISD Research wants to promote, support, and advocate for faculty and students to pursue projects that lead to generating new knowledges and innovations across various disciplines, fields and practices, as well as globally.

To conduct research, investigators often seek external funding, most often in the form of grants, to obtain the necessary resources for the work.

Over the next few editions of Field Notes, we will introduce tools, guidance, and insights on grant seeking @ RISD, with the intent of expanding research activities that advance scholarship, community engagement, decoloniality, sustainability, and experimentation, and have internal or external funding to do so.

### 5 STEPS FOR OBTAINING GRANTS

#### #1 Locate funders who will appreciate your work.

This is done through searching databases, e.g., [GrantForward.com](#), [Grants.gov](#), [Candid.org](#); communicating with peers and partners in the field; reaching out to sponsors and past grantees to share interests and experiences; they may even introduce you to someone. RISD Research can also help with identifying potential funding.

#### #2 Prepare to Respond to an RFP / Solicitation / NOFO.

Fill out our [Proposal Approval Form](#). Have it signed by your DH and Dean. Then forward it to RISD Research and schedule a time to talk.

#### #3 Brush up on your proposal writing skills.

Take the [Essentials of Grant Proposal Development](#) course through CITI program. It's free with your risd.edu address. But if you want to earn 6 CEs, it will cost \$60. Candid has a free course, too through [self-paced modules](#), [video](#), or [audiobook](#) whichever you prefer.

#### #4 Write an awesome proposal.

For writing help [contact](#) Research or the Center for Arts and Language. Students can also go to Careers and the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance.

#### #5 Throughout this entire process, work with [RISD Research](#) to facilitate the process.

We provide forms and templates, communicate with sponsors and partners, develop budgets, obtain institutional approvals, and ultimately submit the proposal to the funder.