

Dear Faculty,

I am happy to announce that USC has licensed Pivot Community of Science, a comprehensive database of sponsored research opportunities across all fields, including the sciences, humanities, and arts. Pivot/COS includes federal and non-federal sources, including foundations. Pivot also provides tools to locate collaborators in specific fields of research at USC, as well as distribute funding opportunities to investigators, based on their area of research.

Pivot can be accessed free of charge from your university computer without log-in from

<http://pivot.cos.com/>

You can also access Pivot free of charge remotely by setting up an account with your USC email address.

I encourage you to try out Pivot as a tool for finding collaborators and research opportunities. More information on Pivot is provided below.

Best regards,

Christine Lavoie

Training and Help:

Researcher sessions on the [COS Pivot Webinar Page](#). These are free of charge, but advance registration is required. You will also see recordings of these sessions which you can view at any time. The [Pivot Support Page](#) offers help documents on Pivot's features. We also have a YouTube channel with short video tutorials at www.youtube.com/proquestpivot. You can also reach the [Pivot Help Desk here](#).

First Pivot Release of 2012

New Features – All Users

New requirements category: New Faculty/New Investigator

In the Requirements field of the funding advanced search page, you'll see a new category called New Faculty/New Investigator. This new category will focus on funding opps that are for investigators or faculty members who are new in their career. This group often needs the most support, as securing research funding is critical for career advancement. Any current funding opp currently identified with the requirement of PhD/MD/Other Professional category will automatically also have the New Faculty/New Investigator requirement listed as well, but over the next month and a half, those specific opps will be reviewed manually and updated to identify those that are for only new faculty, those that are only for more senior faculty (PhD/MD/Other Professional), or both.

Users can create a group from a Profile search results list

The last release of Pivot included the ability to create groups during the sharing process or on the new Groups page (accessible from the Accounts link). With this release users will be able to conduct a

profile search and from the results page, add people to an existing group or create a new group for future use.

Enhancements/Improvements

Improved Pivot support area with link to feature release information

The Support area has been revamped, making it easier to see the link to the Pivot You Tube channel and sign-up for upcoming webinars. In addition, users can access current and past release information by clicking on the "See latest release notes" link.

When a user shares multiple funding opps, the recipient receives a single link to a Pivot page that lists all the opps shared

Previously, when multiple funding opps were shared with a user the email included individual links for each funding opportunity, requiring the recipient to go back and forth between Pivot and the email to view each shared opp. With this release, users will receive a single link which will take them to a special page in Pivot where they can see the entire list of shared opps for a more user-friendly experience.

Modifying a saved search improved

When users modify an existing saved search they can save the updated search as a new search with a new name, or save the modifications as the existing search (think of this as 'save as' vs. the 'save' feature in Word).

Users must be logged in to export funding opps

To protect the data within Pivot, we now require users to be logged in before they have the ability to export funding opps from a results list.

February Webinar Schedule

Our training team has added even more webinar dates and times to accommodate a variety of time zones and help get your faculty up and running with COS Pivot. View the entire schedule and sign up at: <https://refworks.webex.com/refworks/onstage/g.php?p=4&t=m>.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the RefWorks-COS Client Services team with questions or suggestions.