Obtaining Funding

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Benefits

- Funding sustains a research-driven career
- Grant writing requires us to justify our research and show continuing innovation

As a graduate student:

- Better chance of receiving funding early in a career
- Highlights your competitiveness and achievements on your resume/curriculum vitae
The process

- Ask for help, develop connections (use other’s time well)
  - include writing center staff, other students and postdocs
- The more grants you write, the better your skills become.
- Success at getting small dollars matters
  - confidence grows and you get closer to independence
  - chance of getting matching funding
- If rejected, apply again
Tips

- Do a thorough background literature review and clearly explain the current state of knowledge in the field.
- Cite experts to justify your proposed research.
- Collaborate with others who have expertise in the field.
- Highlight the novel aspects of your project.
- Carefully explain any caveats or challenges you might face.
- “Sell” your work to the reviewers at the funding agency.
- Ask for feedback before submitting.
Resources

- Boise State Computing website
- PhD Computing Google+ Community
- Pathways to Science
- CalTech list for International Students
Assignment

Today: Identify multiple funding opportunities you can pursue. For each one specify
- Eligibility requirements
- Deadlines
- Necessary materials e.g. cover sheet, CV/resume, letters of recommendation, research proposal (with page limit), abstract

Next meeting: Writing workshop
- Begin writing process before class