

TO: Members of the Faculty
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SUBJECT: Availability of Community of Science

ORPA would like to remind the University community of the services available through **Community of Science (COS)**, and encourage individuals to take advantage of this valuable resource, which can be accessed at <http://www.cos.com/>.

COS provides web-based tools to aid faculty, staff, and students in identifying potential funding sources and in promoting collaborations with colleagues. It is a user-friendly system developed to assist individuals seeking external funding for a variety of activities including research support, fellowships, equipment needs, travel, and related research and educational endeavors.

All members of the University community may use the COS services provided through our subscription, which include:

COS Funding Opportunities: fully searchable database of more than 25,000 opportunities, updated daily, containing comprehensive funding information from federal, state, and private sponsors; Search COS Funding Opportunities at <http://fundingopps.cos.com/>

COS Expertise: database containing more than 480,000 researcher profiles at over 1,600 institutions worldwide, which can be used to publicize an individual's research interests and expertise, and to identify prospective collaborators, or peer reviewers for articles and proposals; Search COS Expertise at: <http://expertise.cos.com/>

Funding Alerts: optional weekly e-mail messages, targeted to individuals based upon personalized profiles they have established, that identify currently publicized funding opportunities

COS Workbench: providing a home base for the individual's profile and access to the services described above, plus the option to generate an on-line CV and view your personal weekly *Funding Alerts*

To establish a basic profile in the **COS Expertise** database, log on to <http://www.cos.com> and register as a new user (see "[About COS Profile](#)" for details). Periodically, an email request is sent asking faculty to customize this profile in order to provide accurate and precise information about their individual research interests and areas of expertise. Access to the profile requires entering your personal username and password in the online **COS Workbench**. ORPA would like to encourage users who have not yet customized their profiles to do so at their earliest convenience. An up-to-date profile will facilitate more effective targeting of the weekly *Funding Alerts*, and searching of the Expertise database by individuals who wish to identify faculty colleagues with interests and expertise in particular areas.

An online **COS User Training** is available which provides an overview of the services included in our COS subscription. In addition, ORPA can provide a COS orientation/training session for any department or group of users who are interested. Please feel free to contact Davina Brittingham at x8-3093 to set up a demonstration or if you have any questions about this valuable resource.