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# Finding Funding opportunities with PIVOT: Tools, Tips, and Pitfalls

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# Agenda

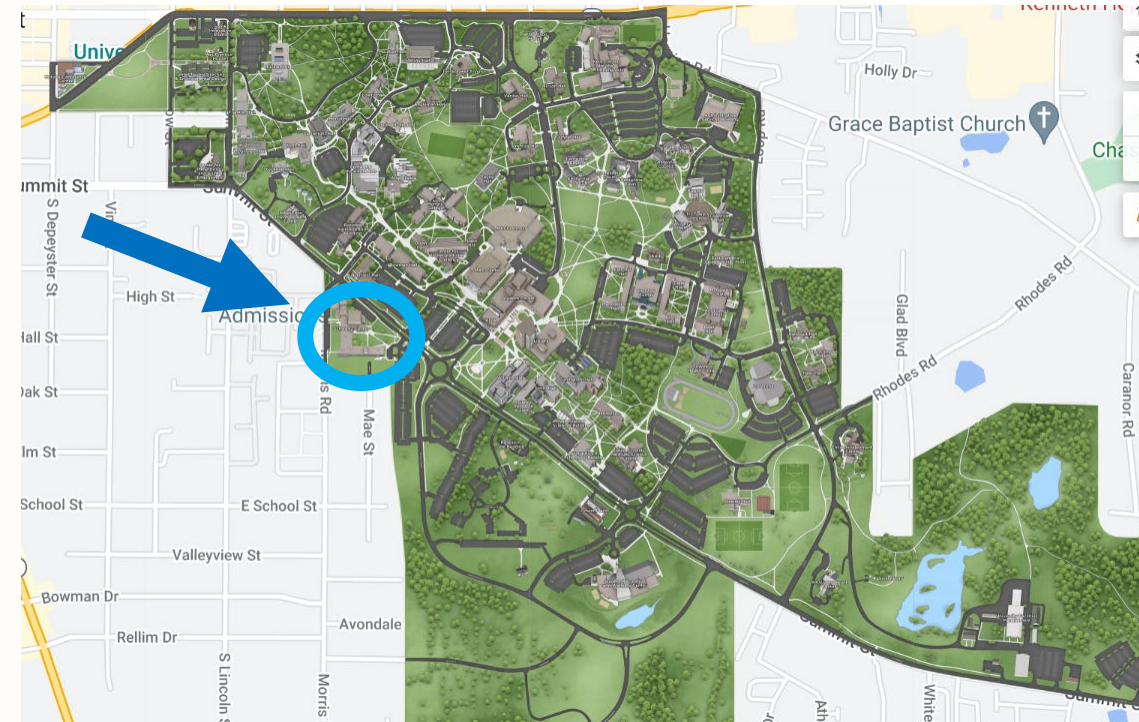
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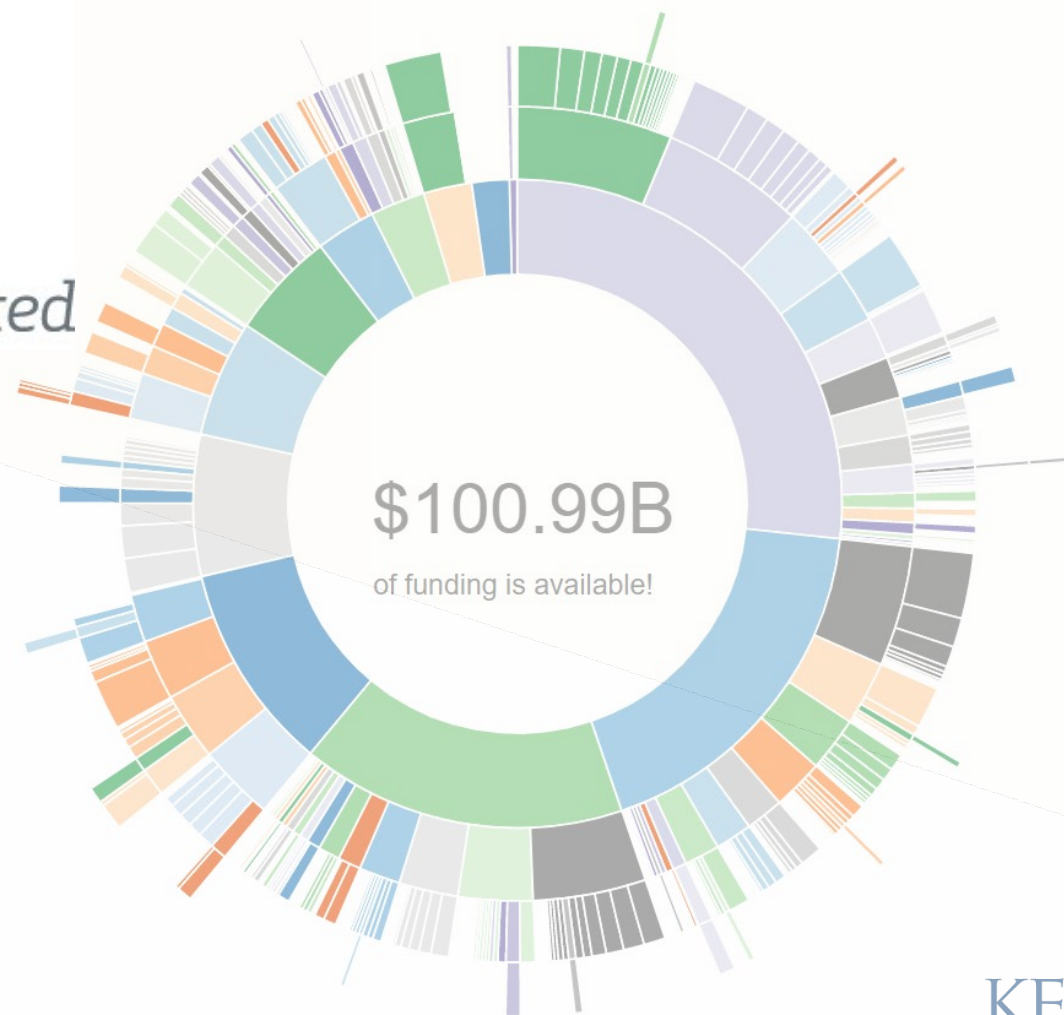
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-our role is to assist the Kent State University Community with searching for funding opportunities, proposal development and submission, and award administration.

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# How to Find Funding

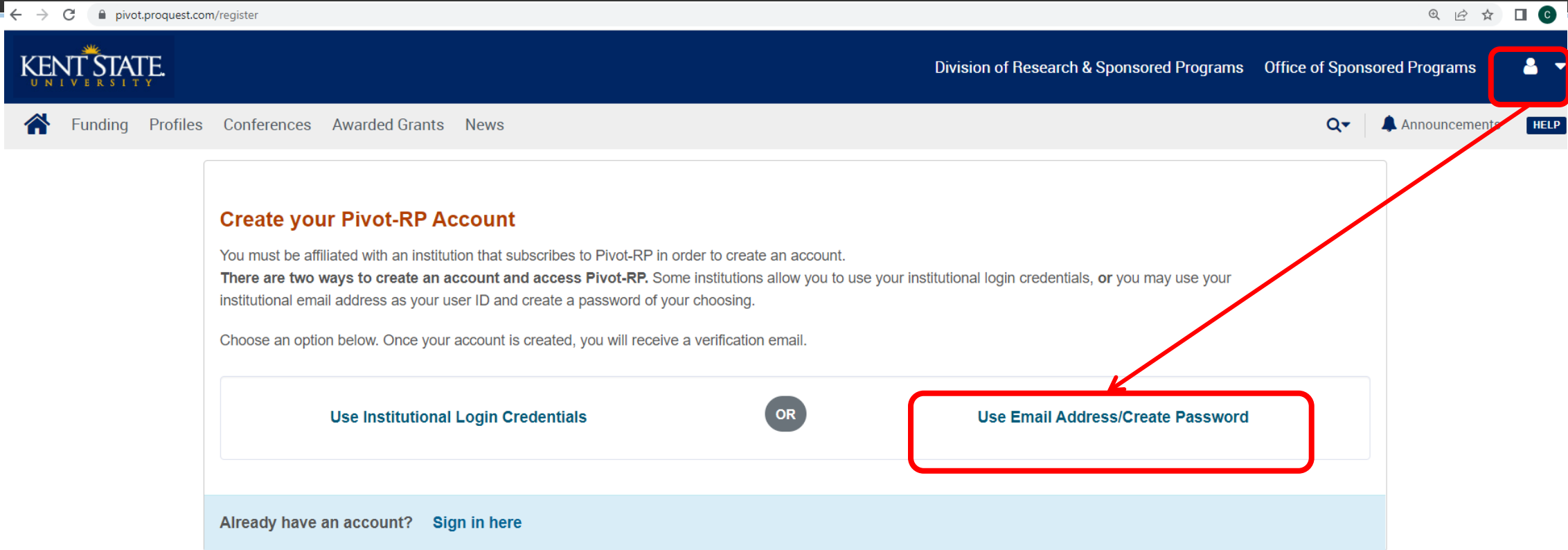


# Pivot Funding Overview

- Pivot (<http://pivot.proquest.com>) is one of the most comprehensive databases of funding opportunities available on the Web
  - Multi-disciplinary and multi-national in scope
  - All categories of sponsors, public and private
  - Wide variety of funding types (not just research)
  - Updated daily
- Two-pronged approach:
  - Funding opportunities
  - User profiles



# Setting Up a Pivot Profile



The screenshot shows the registration page for Pivot RP. At the top, the Kent State University logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Division of Research & Sponsored Programs' and 'Office of Sponsored Programs' are on the right. A red box highlights a user icon with a dropdown arrow in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu contains links for 'Funding', 'Profiles', 'Conferences', 'Awarded Grants', and 'News'. On the right of this menu are search, announcement, and help icons. The main content area is titled 'Create your Pivot-RP Account'. It includes instructions that users must be affiliated with an institution and that there are two ways to create an account: using institutional login credentials or using an email address to create a password. The 'Use Email Address/Create Password' option is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the user icon in the top right to this box. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a link to 'Sign in here' for existing accounts.

**Create your Pivot-RP Account**

You must be affiliated with an institution that subscribes to Pivot-RP in order to create an account.


**There are two ways to create an account and access Pivot-RP.** Some institutions allow you to use your institutional login credentials, or you may use your institutional email address as your user ID and create a password of your choosing.

Choose an option below. Once your account is created, you will receive a verification email.

[Use Institutional Login Credentials](#) OR [Use Email Address/Create Password](#)


Already have an account? [Sign in here](#)


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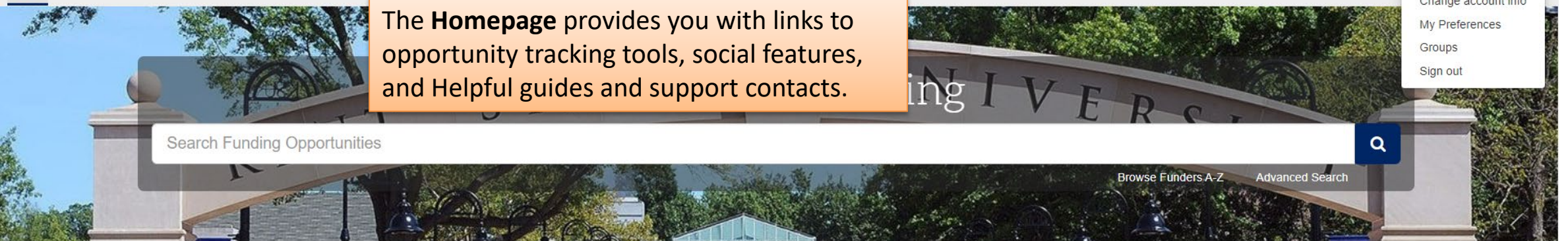
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The **Homepage** provides you with links to opportunity tracking tools, social features, and Helpful guides and support contacts.

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


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☐  Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Deadline


17 May 2023


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The **Tracked Opps** provides you with lists of opportunities you have selected to be short-listed. High priority opportunities with their deadlines indicated.


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**Advisor: Personal funding matches**

There is not enough information in your profile for the Advisor to make funding opportunities recommendations for you.

Click [here](#) to review your profile.

**Advisor** uses your profile and search history to detect relevant funding opportunities.

# Simple Search



## Tips:

- Each word is looked for independently. So a search for `baseball football` returns items that match both words anywhere in the item. This is the same as searching for `baseball AND football`.
- Do not use the articles **a**, **an**, or **the**.
- Searches are case insensitive.
- With the exception of the hyphen, do not use punctuation marks (slashes, commas, and so forth). Punctuation marks may return erroneous results. This also applies to monetary amounts: leave out any commas or periods: use `10000` instead of `$10,000`.
- Use double quotes to search for an exact phrase. `"baseball football"` returns only items with those two words in sequence.
- `baseball OR football` returns items with either or both words.
- `baseball NOT football` returns items containing **baseball** but not containing **football**.
- `bas*` returns items with words that start with **bas**, such as **baseball** and **basket**.
- `(gene w/2 mouse) OR "mouse genome"` returns items that have the word **gene** within two words of the word **mouse** or that contain the exact phrase **mouse genome**.





# Summary

- Spend the time learning the features of Pivot (Knowledge base and instructional videos)
- Avoid Simple Search
- Use Preset content areas (refine later)
- Set up Saved searches and e-mail notification
- Let Pivot get to know you!
- Build a community of Pivot users and share opportunities.

# Questions?

Many Thanks!

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