Supporting Research for Major Institutional Grants: Librarians

How librarians can contribute to successful grant applications for your institution.

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Associations / Resources

ACT.org http://www.act.org/content/act/en/research.html

Association of Research Libraries http://www.arl.org/

ASHE (The Association for the Study of Higher Education) Higher Education Report http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1554-6306

Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) https://nces.ed.gov

PEW Research Center http:/www.pewresearch.org

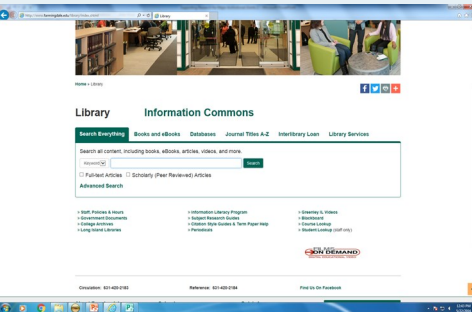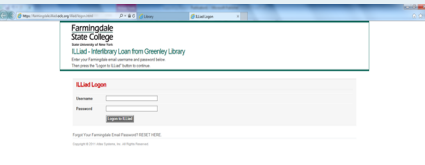**SUNY Connect** http://www.sunyconnect. suny.edu

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

EDS Discovery Service

Interlibrary Loan Services

Google Scholar/Google Alerts

Partnerships

Develop a shared vision and service model, collaborating with campus constituencies for academic support services, applied learning, and experiential research.

◊ **Academic Advising/ Counselors**
◊ **Academic Departments**
◊ **Campus Governance/ Administration**
◊ **External Entities**
◊ **Orientation Services**
◊ **Research & Reference Librarians**
◊ **Student Success Center**
◊ **Writing Center**

Process

The role of the librarian in providing supporting documentation for major institutional grants requires particular skillsets: fast, accurate, ability to synthesize information, compilation of data: both narrative and statistical, collaboration, building partnerships.

- Analyze and identify what you need.

- Know your school. Existing services, current work in process.

- Identify research tasks, supplemental staffing, expedient literature searches and review, data compilation and analysis.

- Time Management. Managing the workload while simultaneously fulfilling the needs of the PI and meeting a strict deadline for grant submissions.

- Output – What are you trying to attain? Concept based research (eg. Improvement of Services) vs. Numbers based (increase in retention).

- Facilities—Workspaces needed if grant application is successful for research and/or staff.

- Measuring success: assessment, metrics, student program evaluations.

Research Tools

Research Tools – Use subscription tools for research as well as investigate external sources for supplemental data.

- EDS - use your discovery tool for swift retrieval of bibliographic references, journal articles, case studies, ebooks

- Ex Libris' Aleph, books

- Interlibrary Loan Services (Illiad)

- Google Scholar – additional scholarly works

- Google Alerts – set alerts by Subject e.g. "Academic Advising", "holistic advising and colleges and/or universities"

- Open Web: government sites, University and association sites, IPEDS, subject specific sites.