The recent addition of two funding databases – Foundation Directory Online Professional and PIVOT, to Fogler Library’s collections has rendered FOUNDATION TRACKER obsolete and it will no longer be published. This last issue gives grant seekers an overview of the two databases as well as a few important reminders. First, grant seekers will want to continue to take advantage of all funding resources available online including those noted at: http://umaine.edu/orsp/award-process/pre-award/identify-funding/.

Second, researchers considering foundation funding must read General Guidance for UMaine Personnel Seeking Extramural and Gift Support which outlines both the roles of the Development Office and ORSP in administering requests for foundation funding and the grant seeker’s responsibility to obtain clearance to proceed with a request. Researchers also should read University of Maine Limited and Internal Competitions Policy which outlines the selection process followed when a solicitation limits the number of submissions from any one institution. Proposals that are not cleared for submission under either policy will not be sanctioned by the University.

Finally, ORSP will continue to offer individualized assistance on a first come, first served basis to those new to the process of identifying and applying for foundation awards. Interested researchers should contact Wendy Eckert at: wendy.eckert@umit.maine.edu or (207) 581-2657.

PIVOT combines a comprehensive database of funding opportunities worth an estimated $33 billion with a unique database of 3 million pre-populated scholar profiles drawn from Communities of Scholars and Science profiles.

Functionality includes, matching researcher profiles with current funding opportunities, identifying potential collaborators in- and out- side of UMaine, and setting up automated alerts of new opportunities (updated daily) that match a saved search.

University of Maine users may register for an account, claim and edit their profiles. Visit PIVOT ‘Support/Help’ for detailed instructions.

Foundation Directory Online Professional provides subscribers with access to timely, comprehensive information on grantmakers and their grants.

Included is a database of nearly 108,000 foundations, corporate giving programs, and grantmaking public charities in the U.S.; a database of more than 4,000 sponsoring companies; a database of over 3 million recently awarded grants; and a keyword-searchable database of over 1 million recently filed IRS Forms 990 and 990-PF.

New and updated grantmaker, company, and grant data appears weekly. New grantmaker-related news, RFPs, publications, and articles appear daily.