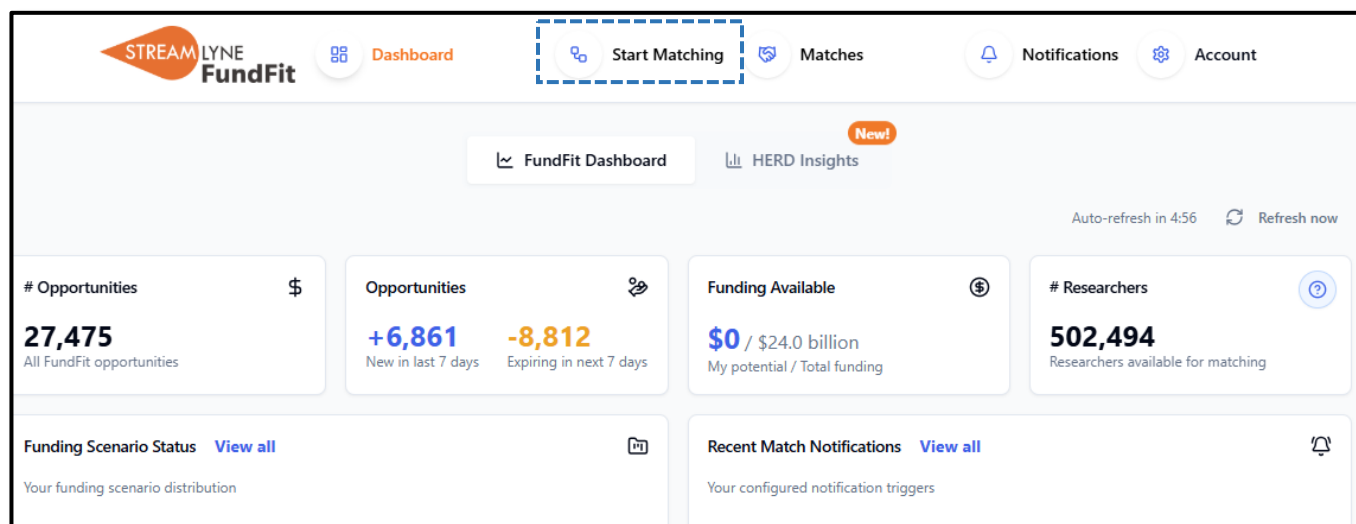


## FINDING OPPORTUNITIES ON FUNDFIT – BROAD MATCH & PERSONALIZED MATCH

### BROAD MATCH

FundFit offers two methods to find funding opportunities relevant to you, Broad Match and Personalized Match. We will start with the Broad Match option which uses a search engine without leveraging your researcher profile. This is useful if you are looking for opportunities of a particular type or from a certain sponsor or if you would like to find something new and different that doesn't necessarily line up with your previous work.

To begin, click on the **Start Matching** button at the top of the screen.

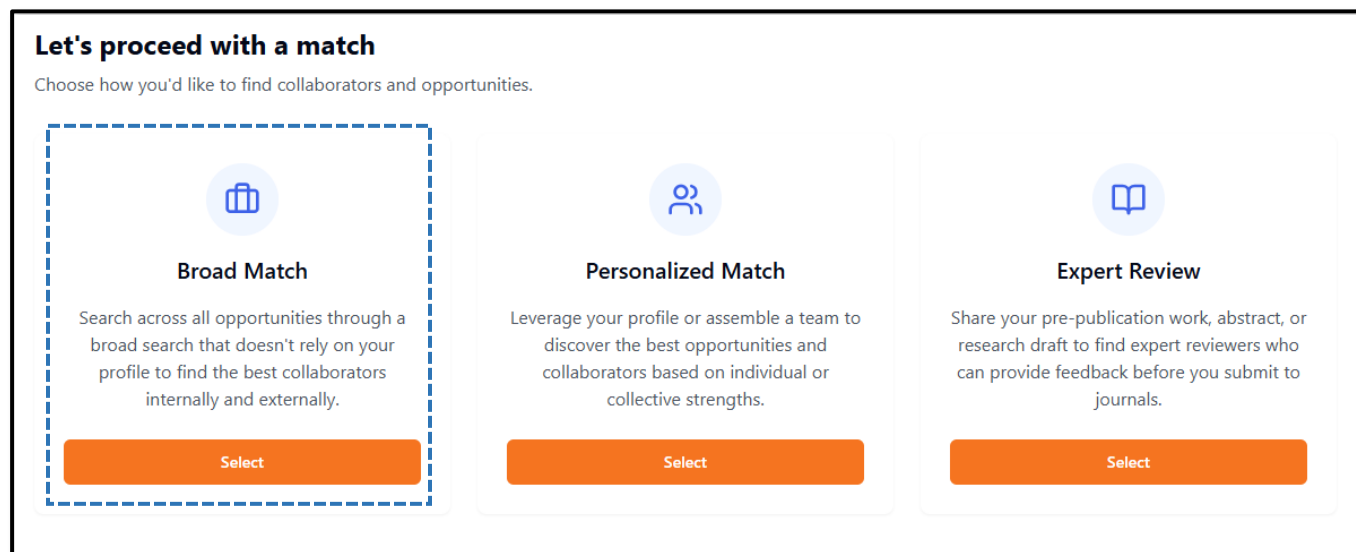


The screenshot shows the FundFit Dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FundFit logo and several buttons: Dashboard, Start Matching (highlighted with a dashed blue box), Matches, Notifications, and Account. Below the navigation bar, there are two tabs: FundFit Dashboard (selected) and HERD Insights. The main content area displays several key metrics:

- # Opportunities:** 27,475 (All FundFit opportunities)
- Opportunities:** +6,861 (New in last 7 days) and -8,812 (Expiring in next 7 days)
- Funding Available:** \$0 / \$24.0 billion (My potential / Total funding)
- # Researchers:** 502,494 (Researchers available for matching)
- Funding Scenario Status:** View all (Your funding scenario distribution)
- Recent Match Notifications:** View all (Your configured notification triggers)

There is also an 'Auto-refresh in 4:56' indicator and a 'Refresh now' button.

Click on the **Broad Match** option.



The screenshot shows the 'Let's proceed with a match' screen. It prompts the user to 'Choose how you'd like to find collaborators and opportunities.' There are three options, each with an icon, a title, a description, and a 'Select' button:

- Broad Match:** Search across all opportunities through a broad search that doesn't rely on your profile to find the best collaborators internally and externally.
- Personalized Match:** Leverage your profile or assemble a team to discover the best opportunities and collaborators based on individual or collective strengths.
- Expert Review:** Share your pre-publication work, abstract, or research draft to find expert reviewers who can provide feedback before you submit to journals.

The 'Broad Match' option is highlighted with a dashed blue box.

Your search controls will appear at the top of the page like the image below.

The screenshot shows the top of the FundFit website. At the top left is the 'STREAMLYNE FundFit' logo. At the top right is the 'UofA UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM' logo. Below the logos is a horizontal line. The main heading is 'Find Funding Opportunities' followed by a link 'or [Can't find what you're looking for?](#)'. Below this is the instruction 'Browse available grants or describe what you're looking for in natural language.' There is a large search input box with the placeholder text 'Go ahead! Type anything that interests you, hit enter when you're ready.' To the right of the search box is a 'Saved Searches' dropdown menu and a '+' button. Below the search box is a 'Research Mode' toggle switch and an information icon. At the bottom left is a link 'Or show advanced filters for...' and at the bottom right is a 'Deadline (A-Z)' dropdown menu. Annotations A through G point to various elements: A points to the search box, B points to the '+' button, C points to the 'Saved Searches' dropdown, D points to the 'Research Mode' toggle, E points to the 'Or show advanced filters for...' link, F points to the 'Deadline (A-Z)' dropdown, and G points to the 'Can't find what you're looking for?' link.

- A. **Search Box** - Here's where you type in your keywords or phrases to find what you're looking for. Press the Enter key after typing something in to search using your query.
- B. **Add New Saved Search** – Click this button to save your search configuration as a saved search to use again later. You'll mainly use this to save your advanced filter configurations.
- C. **Saved Searches** – Any searches that you have saved will appear in this drop down. Select a search from the dropdown to load that search's configuration.
- D. **Research Mode** – Research Mode uses advanced AI to understand complex research queries and find highly relevant opportunities. Toggle this feature on for nuanced searches that require deeper understanding of your research context.
- E. **Advanced Filters** – These functions allow you to filter your search results. We'll cover this section in more depth on the next page.
- F. **Sort Functions** – These allow you to sort your results based on the following options
  - a. Amount (largest to smallest)
  - b. Post Date (newest to oldest)
  - c. Deadline (furthest to soonest)
  - d. Letter of Intent Date (furthest to soonest)
  - e. Sponsor (A-Z)
- G. **Manual Opportunity Entry** – If you know of an opportunity but cannot find it using the search, you can click here to upload a link to the opportunity to import it into FundFit. This will allow you to then match to potential collaborators for this opportunity.

Clicking on the link to show advanced filters (E), will give you a collection of filters to select from.

× Close

Search filters...

**Status**  
 Filter opportunities by their current status (Open, Closed, etc.)

**Opportunity Types**  
 Browse opportunities based on their classification

**Opportunity Categories**  
 Filter by specific categories of grants available

**Sponsor Types**  
 Filter by different types of sponsoring organizations

**Search In Sponsor Name**  
 Find opportunities from specific sponsoring organizations

**Search In Title**  
 Search for specific keywords in opportunity titles

**Search In Field of Study**  
 Find opportunities in specific academic disciplines

**Minimum and Maximum Amount**  
 Set a minimum and maximum funding amount for opportunities

**Minimum and Maximum Post Date**  
 Find opportunities posted before and after a specific date

**Minimum and Maximum Letter of Intent Date**  
 Filter by earliest and latest letter of intent deadline

**Minimum and Maximum Deadline Date**  
 Find opportunities with deadlines before and after a specific date

Clicking on any of the listed options will add the filter to your search and allow you to make selections for that filter using the dropdown, date selector, or text box controls that populate depending on the filter selected.

+ Add filter

**Sponsor Types**

Select sponsor types

×

**Search In Field of Study**

Enter field of study

**Exclude Field of Study**

Enter field of study

×

**Minimum Deadline Date**

Choose a date

**Maximum Deadline Date**

Choose a date

×

↺ Reset all
Apply Filters

You can click the **+ Add filter** button to add an additional filter to your filter list.

The red **X** in the top right corner of each filter will remove that filter from the search.

Clicking the **Apply Filters** button will apply your filter selections to the search results below. Don't forget to click this if you make any changes to your filters. Also, if you like your filters, remember to add your search as a saved search (**B** from page 2) so that you can come back to it later.

Your search results will appear in a list you can scroll through. As the elements of this list are the same for the alternative matching type, we'll cover that in the final section of this guide.

## Find Funding Opportunities or [Can't find what you're looking for?](#)

Browse available grants or describe what you're looking for in natural language.

Saved Searches

+

☐ Research Mode ⓘ

Or show advanced filters for... or Deadline (A-Z)

### D-START: Data Science Track Award for Research Transition (D/START) (R03-Clinical Trial Optional)

AI

\$100,000

National Institutes of Health
 Deadline: 2027-09-07

Data science is an important cross-cutting research approach in the 2022 - 2026 NIDA Strategic Plan and increasing the capacity of experts in addition related data science is critical. The purpose of this Notice is to facilitate the entry of investigators to the...

Health

Relevance: 90%

View Details

### Learning-based Modeling Approach for Information Asset Valuation and Selection

AI

Unknown

DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

This research opportunity aims to develop novel methods for information assets selection and content filtering from high-dimensional data. The project will focus on creating and validating context-aware and adaptive learning models to select the...

Computer, Information, and Data Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics

Relevance: 89%

View Details

### Multi-Modal Data Analytics

AI

Unknown

DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

The student internship focuses on machine learning for multi-modal data analytics. The student will participate in the research

View Details


## PERSONALIZED MATCH

Personalized Match attempts to pull in funding opportunities that align with your (or another person's) researcher profile on FundFit. You can use this option if you want FundFit to do the work in delivering a list of funding opportunities relevant to your area(s) of research, or if you want to see if there's anything out there for someone else in your department or team.

To start a Personalized Match, click the **Start Matching** button at the top of the screen just as with starting a Broad Match, but click on the **Personalized Match** option on the next page.

### Let's proceed with a match


Choose how you'd like to find collaborators and opportunities.



#### Broad Match

Search across all opportunities through a broad search that doesn't rely on your profile to find the best collaborators internally and externally.


Select



#### Personalized Match

Leverage your profile or assemble a team to discover the best opportunities and collaborators based on individual or collective strengths.

Select



#### Expert Review

Share your pre-publication work, abstract, or research draft to find expert reviewers who can provide feedback before you submit to journals.

Select

The next page will prompt you to select the researcher(s) you would like to find funding opportunities for. You will always appear at the top of the list. Click on a researcher's name to select them. You can select any number of researchers to collaborate on a project and can use the search bar at the top of the list to find who you are looking for.

If you have a specific team that frequently works together, you can save your list of selected researchers to use again on future searches using the + button in the top right.

### Build Your Research Team

Select researchers to collaborate with on funding opportunities.

Saved Selections +

Search researchers by name, institution, or expertise...

DS

**Dustin Schwartz** You
   
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville djschwar@uark.edu

RP

**Robert Pilgrim**
  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville rpilgrim@uark.edu

DM

**Diana Morian**

Once you are happy with your selections, click the blue **Continue** button in the bottom right corner of the page to load the opportunity search.

This page will be similar to the search from the Broad Match process, and it functions much the same way. You can use the same filters and saved searches from that section here to narrow down the list of funding opportunities, but each of the opportunities here will also have an added match score to show how strong of a match the opportunity is to your selected researcher(s).

## Find Funding Opportunities or [Can't find what you're looking for?](#)

Browse available grants or describe what you're looking for in natural language.

Saved Searches

+

☐ **Research Mode** ⓘ

Or show advanced filters for... ⓘ or **Deadline (A-Z)** ▾

### Biological Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards

AI

\$5.0 million

U.S. National Science Foundation
 Deadline: 2026-02-02

The Biological Anthropology Program seeks to advance scientific knowledge about the processes that have shaped biological diversity in living and fossil humans and their primate relatives through support of basic research on human and primate...

Science and Technology and other Research and Development

Match Strength: 81%

View Details

### Developmental Sciences

AI

\$6.5 million

U.S. National Science Foundation
 Deadline: 2026-01-30

Developmental Sciences supports basic research that increases our understanding of perceptual, cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to human development across the lifespan. Research supported by this program will...

Science and Technology and other Research and Development

Match Strength: 79%

View Details

### Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

AI

Unknown

National Institutes of Health
 Deadline: 2025-10-16

View Details

## REVIEWING YOUR MATCH RESULTS AND FINDING COLLABORATORS

Whether you started with a Broad Match or a Personalized Match, your opportunity list will have the same format, so let's look at the elements of this list.

The screenshot displays two funding opportunities on the FundFit platform. The first opportunity is titled "Biological Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards" from the U.S. National Science Foundation, with a deadline of 2026-02-02 and a funding amount of \$5.0 million. It has a match strength of 81% and a "View Details" button. The second opportunity is titled "Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)" from the National Institutes of Health, with a deadline of 2025-10-16 and a match strength of 79%. It has a "Hide Details" button. Below the second opportunity is a section titled "Opportunity Details" which contains a table with columns: Summary, Amount, Deadlines, Eligibility, and Submission Info. The "Summary" column contains the title, URL, and a detailed summary of the opportunity.

**Opportunity Details**

Summary	Amount	Deadlines	Eligibility	Submission Info
<p><b>Title:</b> Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358818">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358818</a></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The objective of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to invite new and renewal applications for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) that comprise the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN). The RDCRCs are intended to advance and improve diagnosis, management, and treatment of numerous, rare diseases through highly collaborative, multi-site, patient-centric, translational, and clinical research. Special emphasis will be placed on the early and timely identification of individuals with rare diseases and clinical trial readiness.</p>				

- A. **Opportunity Title**
- B. **Sponsor**
- C. **Deadline Date**
- D. **Funding Amount**
- E. **View Details** – Click this button to show the details of the opportunity (F)
- F. **Opportunity Details** – Additional details from the opportunity.
- G. **AI Summary** – Click here to get a brief AI-generated summary of insights from the opportunity. Example on the next page.

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### Opportunity Insights

Here are some insights for this opportunity:

This grant opportunity is highly specialized, focusing on biological anthropology and evolutionary research. To be competitive, applicants should have a strong background in biological anthropology, with a PhD or equivalent experience, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the field's theories and methodologies. The unique aspect of this grant is its emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches, so applicants should showcase diverse methods and a multi-level analytical framework. The deadline is July 30, 2025, and proposals should include a clear plan for broader impact activities, such as STEM research participation and training initiatives.

Close

*Example 1: AI Insight Sample*

Once you have identified an opportunity you would like to pursue, you are ready to begin the search for potential collaborators. This process will be covered in the next QRG. You can find it [here](#).