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▶ Support scholars as they are getting established in research, usually during the first ten years
▶ Can be from government, foundation, and corporate sources; open call and limited submission; competitive/peer-reviewed
▶ Potential Benefits: funding, recognition, mentoring, expanded research network
▶ Timelines: plan ahead; talk to your department manager, grants manager, CEFR
▶ Getting nominated: discuss early on with your chair and other recommenders
Limited Submission Opportunities

- Funding opportunities for which the University is invited to nominate a limited number of candidates (generally not government)
- For example: Packard, Carnegie, Pew Fellows
- Candidates selected by faculty committee and Dean for Research or Dean of the Faculty

Components of a Typical Internal Application
- Statement of endorsement from the Chair (on letterhead & signed)
- Nominee’s C.V.
- Summary of the research project
- List of the candidate’s current funding
# Workflow: Limited Submission

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Open Submission Opportunities

- Funding opportunities open to an unlimited number of applicants (may or may not be self-nominating)
- CEFR/ORPA disseminates Request for Proposal (RFP) by division/department/PI
- For example: Sloan Fellowships; NSF CAREER Fellowships
- Find opportunities here:
  - [https://cefr.princeton.edu/faculty/funding-opportunities](https://cefr.princeton.edu/faculty/funding-opportunities)
  - [https://orpa.princeton.edu/finding-funding/early-career-federal-opportunities](https://orpa.princeton.edu/finding-funding/early-career-federal-opportunities)
Key Strategies in Applying for Funding

› Confirm eligibility and alignment of research interests with sponsor’s funding goals

› Know your audience(s); address them in clear, direct language; avoid passive voice

› Tailor your content; address the sponsor’s funding objectives (CEFR can help)

› Carefully check “trivial” formal requirements: font, font size, line spacing
External Funding Identification Tools

- Pivot
- Grants.gov/FedBizOpps
- Curated Opportunities
- Leveraged Relationships
- Limited Submission
- Researchwith.Princeton.edu
Questions?