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Introduction to ResearchProfessonal.com

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Introduction

- What is ResearchProfessional.com?

- New version of ResearchProfessional.com went live in March 2009
  (http://www.researchprofessional.com)

Features of RP.com

- Create and save your own searches

- View and save workgroup searches

- Set up weekly email alerts from saved searches

- Save individual opportunities you are interested in to a folder of bookmarks

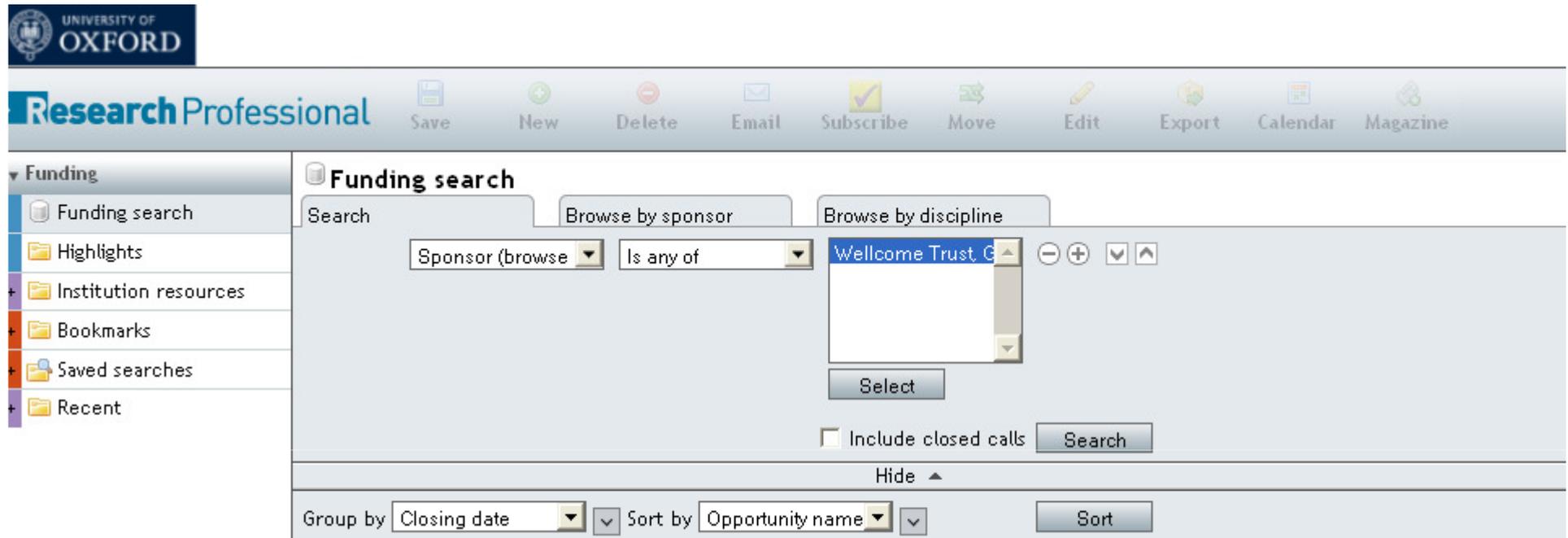- Share searches and individual opportunities

What are Workgroups?

- Online space within RP.com to group and share tailored information just for users at Oxford

- Each workgroup has a home page that contains tailored content of interest to that group.

- Each workgroup has an editor(s) that control the content.

Content

  – Saved searches (dynamic)

  – Folders of book-marked funding opportunities (static)

Searching RP.com

- By sponsor and specific funding schemes from sponsors
- By discipline
- By award type

and also combine with criteria such as:

- Closing date / Days until closing date
- Date posted on RP.com / days since posted
- Full text
- Include or exclude sponsors by country

Searching RP.com - Rodman Index

An index of disciplines used by RP.com to categorise funding opportunities, it is organised into three levels, e.g.

- Biomedical, Medical Sciences, Health (top-level)

  - Disciplines & Fields, Biomedical, Medical & Health & Safety (second-level)

    - Cancer Biology(third-level)

Searching RP.com - Combining criteria

- AND, AND NOT, OR
- Each operator acts upon the result of all previous criteria (apart from OR, will always search entire database)

Example searches:

Early career funding: can search by:

- Major sponsors e.g. MRC, Wellcome Trust, BBSRC, Cancer Research UK

- Discipline e.g. Biomedical, Medical Sciences, Health, Specialties of Medical & Allied Fields, Oncology

- Award type: select:
  - Predoctoral fellowships
  - Mid-Career fellowships
  - Young investigator awards
  - Predoctoral training fellowships
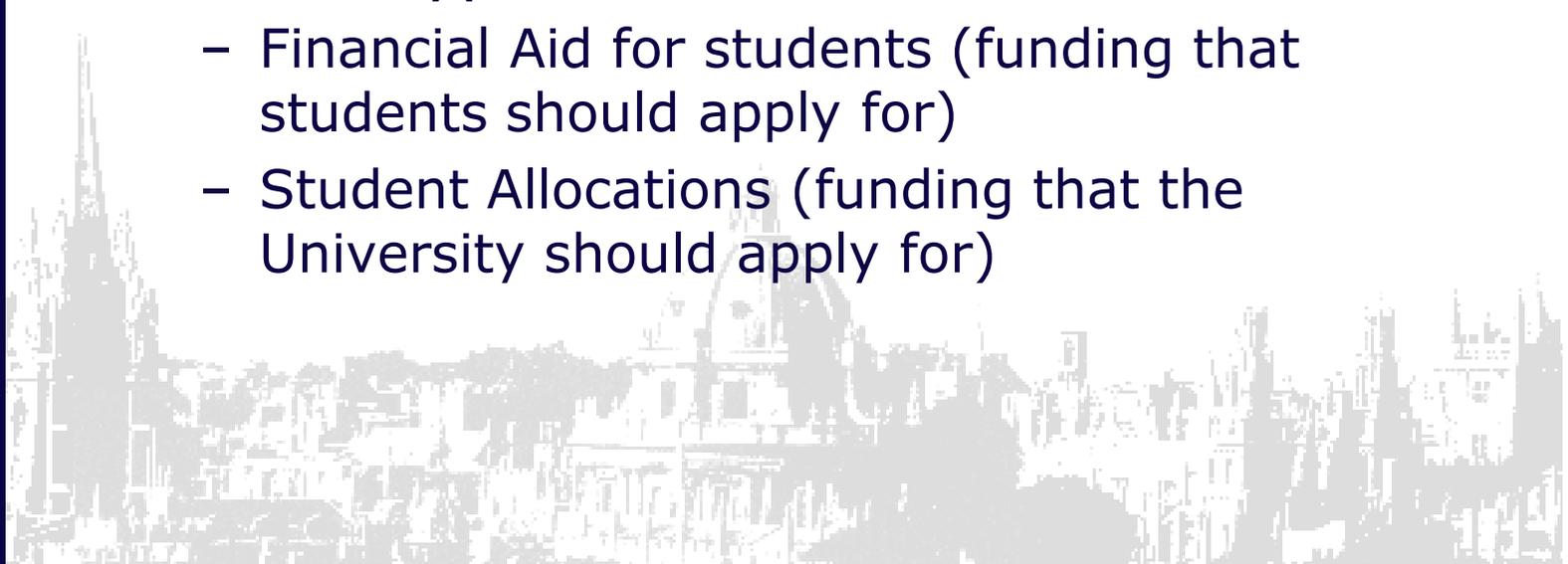 - Postdoctoral training fellowships

PhD funding: can search by:

- Major sponsors e.g. MRC, Wellcome Trust, BBSRC, Cancer Research UK

- Discipline e.g. Biomedical, Medical Sciences, Health, Specialties of Medical & Allied Fields, Oncology

- Award type: select:
  - Financial Aid for students (funding that students should apply for)
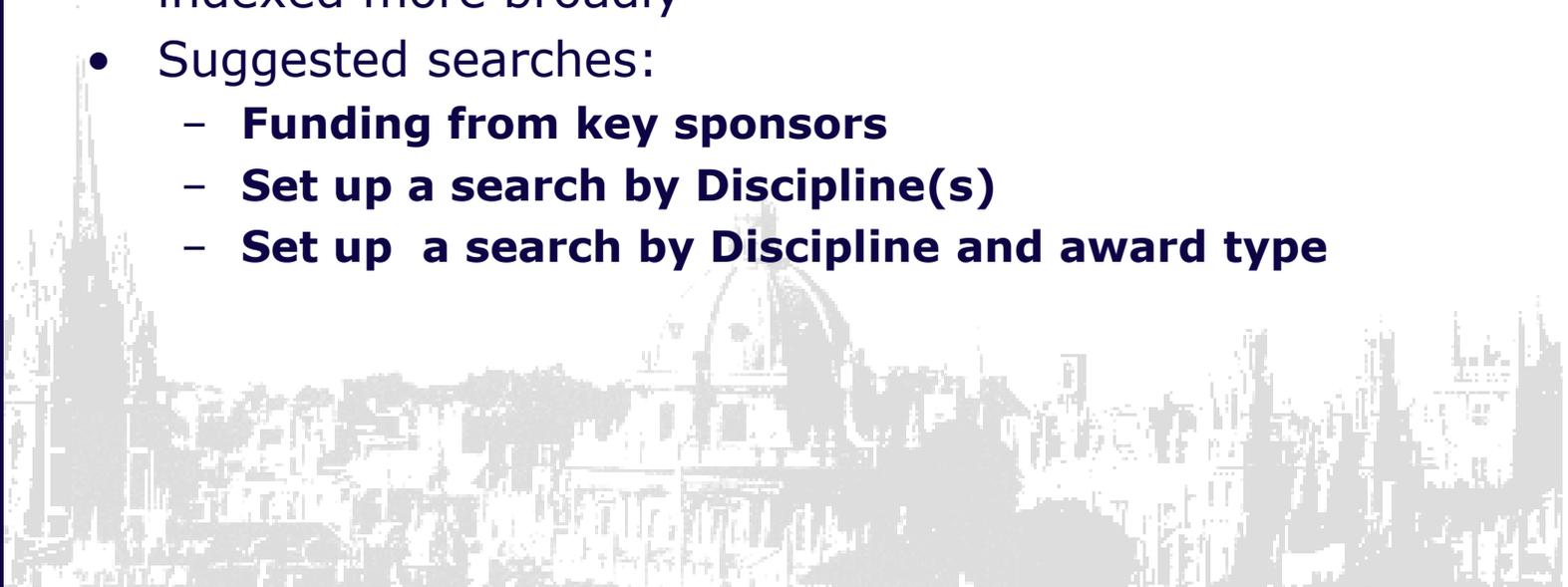 - Student Allocations (funding that the University should apply for)

Quick search tips

- Avoid searching just with Free text
- But can be useful to really narrow a broad Discipline search
- Search the Rodman Index for terms relating to your Discipline, may be surprised at the specific terms listed
- BUT also try broader discipline terms – a grant can be applicable to your specific research area but be indexed more broadly
- Suggested searches:
  - **Funding from key sponsors**
  - **Set up a search by Discipline(s)**
  - **Set up a search by Discipline and award type**

Training courses at OUCS

Short lunch-time sessions: (Demonstrations only, but covering the same topics as the longer sessions)

1.5 hour hands-on training sessions:

(Please note OUCS is booked for 3 hours to allow additional time, if needed, to use RP.com and to set up your own searches with guidance).

For future dates and to book online see:
http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/itlp/courses/

Further Information

- For more information and to download updated user guides, see the Find Funding pages on our website:
  http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/findfunding/

- Other external funding resources:
  RD Funding
  http://www.rdfunding.org.uk/

Get started!

- Create a user account on **http://www.researchprofessional.com** (click 'Self-register') while on the Oxford network
    - User log ins and passwords are case sensitive
    - You must enter an ox.ac.uk email address

- Browse the site

- Explore the workgroup homepages (in Directory section) and become a member of those you are interested in

- Set up your own saved searches (in Funding section) and subscribe to email alerts based on these

- Collect any interesting funding opportunities into funding folders ('Bookmarks')

- Request new workgroups from relevant divisional workgroup administrators – why not become a workgroup editor yourself?

- Send any feedback, errors or request for publicity material to **research.services@admin.ox.ac.uk**