Atom Grants

Find guidance on getting the most out of this grant search tool, Atom Grants. Click the topics below to learn more.

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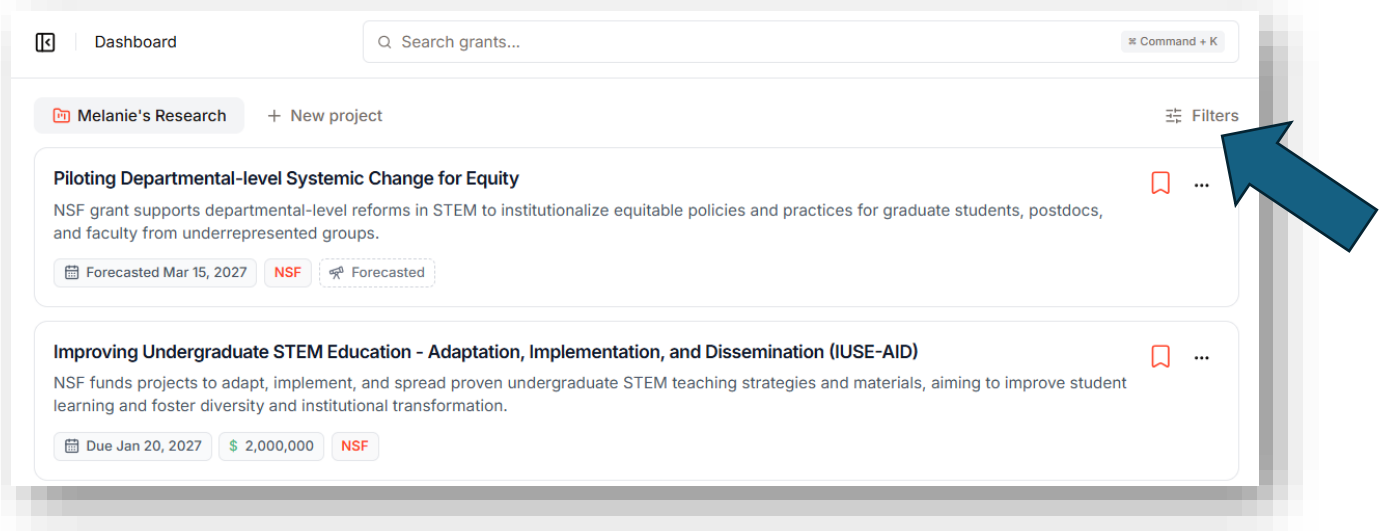
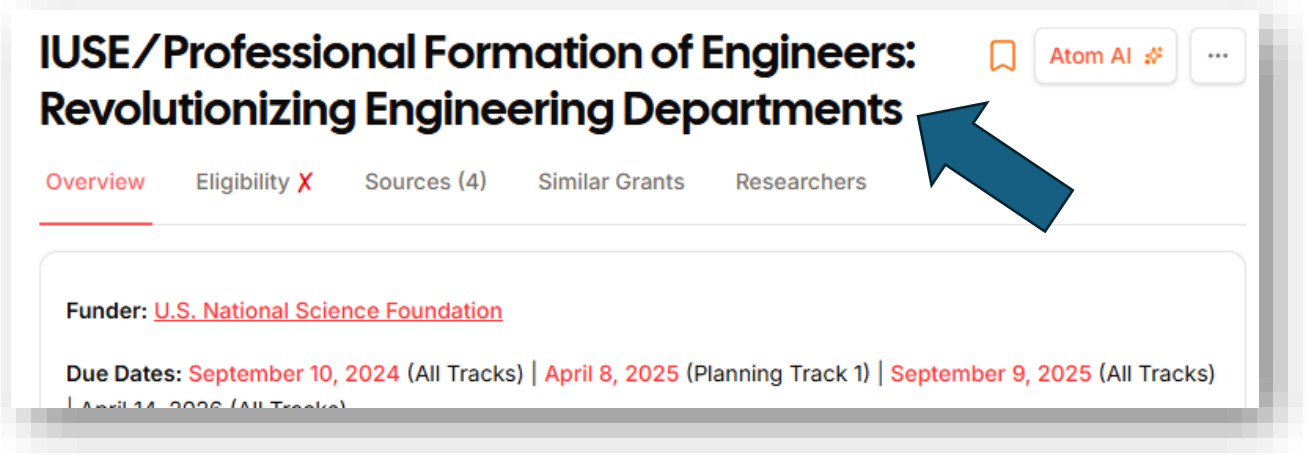
Want to hear from one of the Atom Grants founders on how best to use the platform? Check out this training (18 minutes in length).

Atom's "Dashboard" Page

The landing page when you log into Atom is called your **Dashboard**. This page includes grant opportunities recommended for you based solely on your Research Interests (edit these interests in your Projects tab). Importantly, these opportunities have not been filtered for your particular eligibility. If you want to further refine the results, you can use additional filters (click the "**Filters**" button), such as **Citizenship** and **Career Stage** to find more appropriate results.

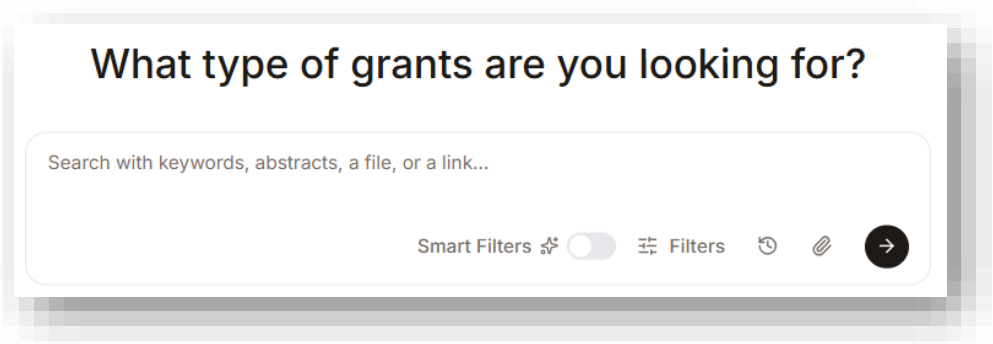


Once you click into a particular opportunity, you can click the grant title to navigate to the official grant page on the funder's website.



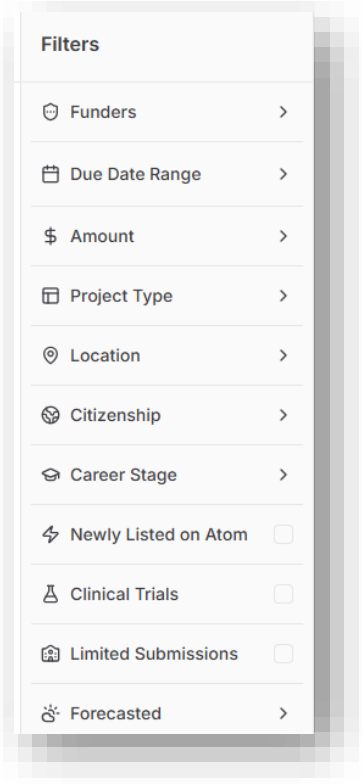
Searching for & Filtering Grants

If you have a specific project idea or area of research you want to seek funding for, you should access the **Search** section of the site. Navigate to this page by using the left-hand menu tab and clicking "Search." When on the page, you will see the search box below.



A helpful part of searching in Atom is you do not have to distill your work into a few keywords. While you can certainly enter keywords into the search bar, you can alternatively enter abstracts of recent publications or unfunded grant proposals to find grants that align with your interests and areas in which you are seeking funding. ***Note*: Text and information you enter into Atom is kept private to NSU. Atom will never use the information you provide for any purpose.**

Once you enter your text and click the arrow to proceed with the search, remember that no additional filters have been applied to the search results. If you want to further refine the results, such as to limit to those opportunities you are eligible for, you can use additional filters such as **Citizenship** and **Career Stage** to find more appropriate results.

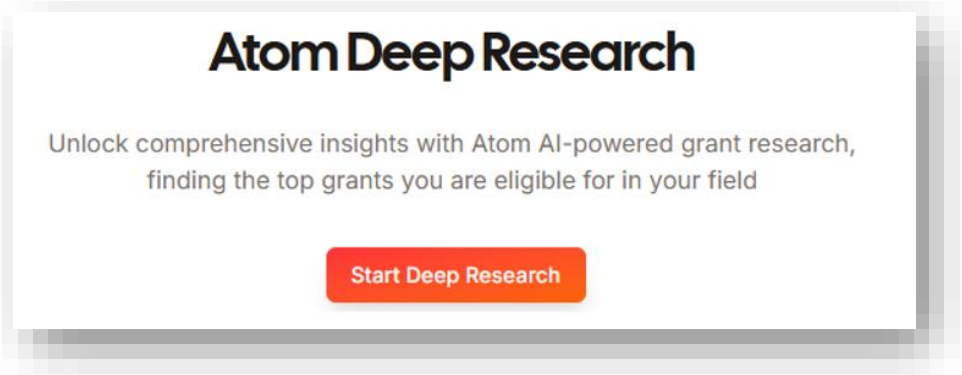


There are two additional ways to address your grant eligibility and "match" with more appropriate grant opportunities:

1. Toggle the "**Smart Filters**" option located within the search bar. When you do that, you can type in your eligibility criteria into the search bar along with your search terms, such as "*Find biology grants from the NSF or Howard Hughes Medical Institute for early-career professors with permanent resident status*"
2. Run a **Deep Research** query→*See the next section for details*

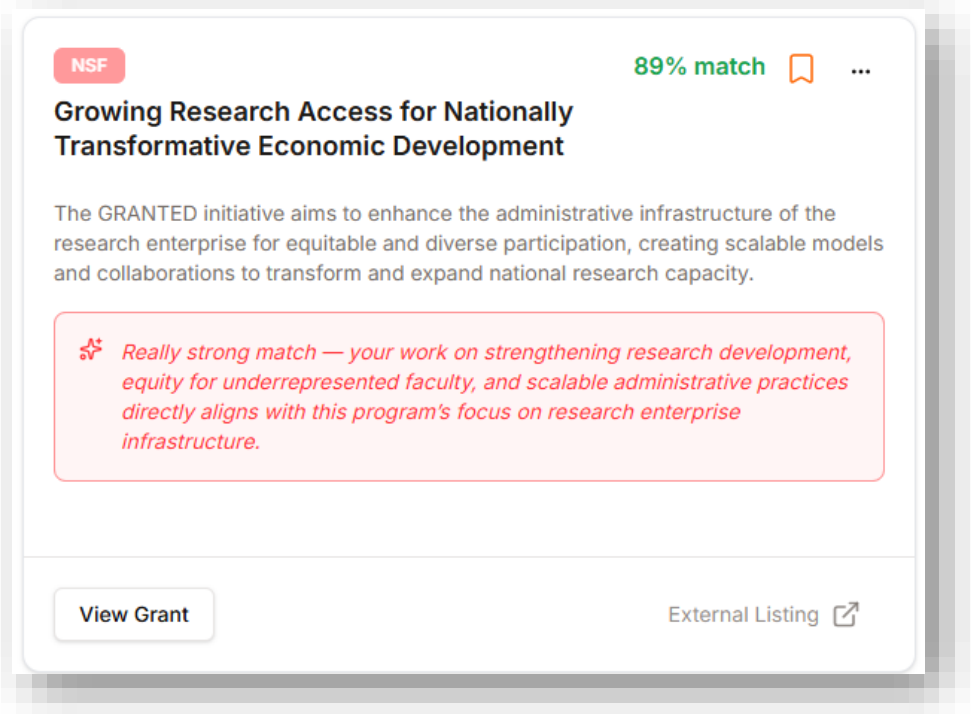
Doing Deep Research on Grants

Perhaps the best way to get started with Atom is to run a **Deep Research** query. Navigate to this page by using the left-hand menu tab and clicking "Deep Research." When on the page, you will see a display like the below; click the red-orange "Start Deep Research" button to begin the search.



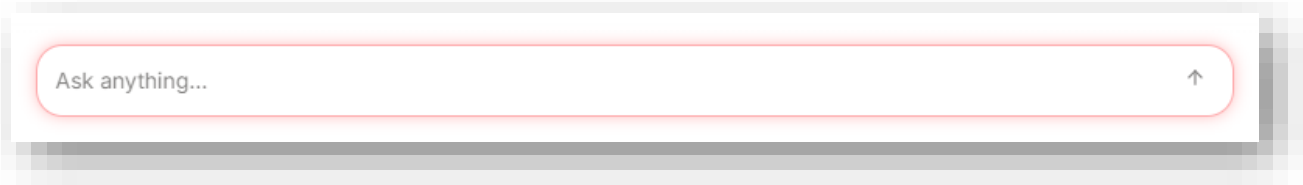
This query will take a couple minutes to run a comprehensive search of the Atom database to find grants you are eligible for based on the information in the **Projects** tab, specifically those aligned with your Research Interests and Eligibility. *(Find more information on updating your Research Interests and Eligibility below.)*

Results will return a summary of grants you are the highest match for, along with a brief rationale for each grant match assessment, such as is depicted below.



“Chat” with a Grant Opportunity

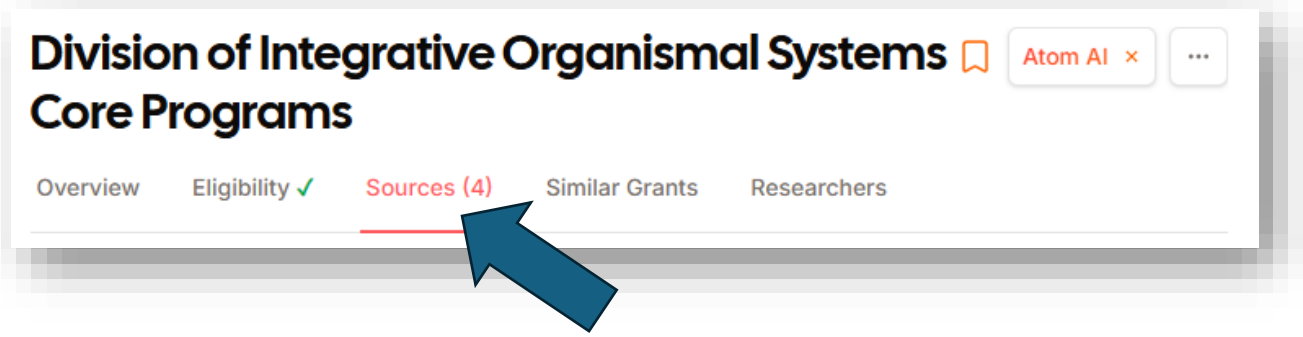
Whether you find a grant opportunity through your Dashboard, Search, or Deep Research, once you click into that opportunity on Atom you can **Chat** with it. What this means is that you can use natural language (i.e., the way you would talk to a person) to draw out key information about that grant opportunity. Do this by typing your question or request into the highlighted chat bar at the bottom of the page (shown below).



Ideas for chat requests include:

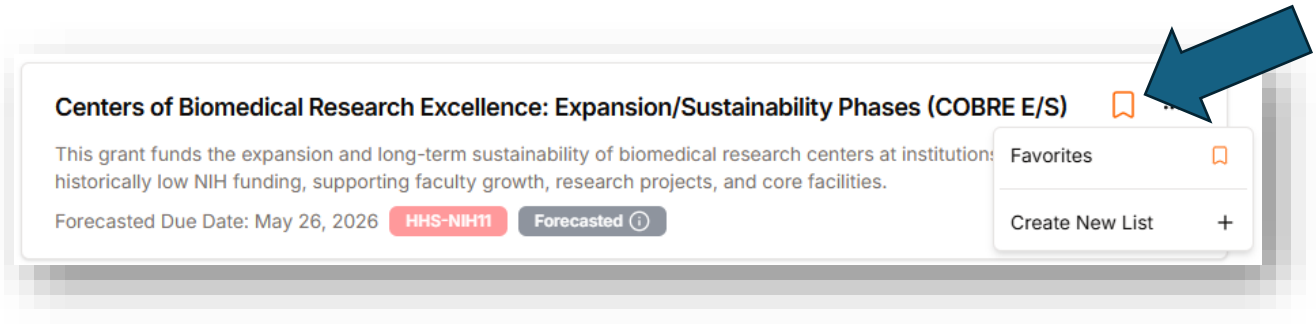
- *Who is eligible to apply for this opportunity?*
- *What documents do I need to prepare for this submission?*
- *What are the page limits?*
- *How will proposals be evaluated?*
- *Are there any future deadlines for this grant?*

Importantly, be sure to cross-check what you learn through Atom’s AI-powered Chat with the funder’s proposal guidelines. All AI tools are fallible and may be less good at picking up specific nuances or requirements for a given grant opportunity. Still, the Chat can be a useful tool for assessing fit with a grant opportunity, understanding the general scope of an application, and getting started. You can check the “**Sources**” tab (show below for a given grant opportunity) to check official sources and confirm submission requirements.



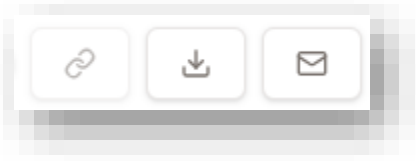
Favoriting Grants to Track & Share Them

If you come across a grant opportunity you are interested in that is tagged as “Forecasted,” like the one shown below, you should **Favorite** it by clicking the orange bookmark in the top right-hand corner of the opportunity. You can add it to your general “Favorites” list or create a specialized list. You can also use the favoriting feature to bookmark grants to review later, or share with others.



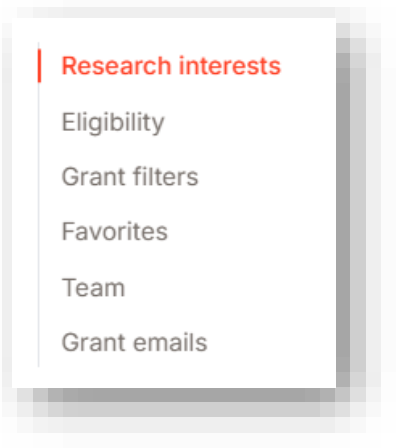
For the grants you favorite, you will receive emails when there are changes to those opportunities. In the case of forecasted grants, you will receive an email when those grants become active opportunities and have a posted due date calling for applications. You may also receive updates for favorited grants if there are other notable changes to the grant program description.

You can see your favorited grants by visiting the **Favorites** page. Navigate to this page by using the left-hand menu tab and clicking “Favorites.” When on the page, you will see your favorited grants, which you can share with a colleague via a link, download to a spreadsheet, or email to someone. See these options in the top right-hand corner of the page (shown below).



Updating Your Interests and Eligibility (Under "Projects")

Grant opportunities returned through Deep Research and your weekly Grant Recommendation Emails will be most suitable if you ensure your **Research Interests** and **Eligibility** are up to date. To update these, navigate to your **Projects** tab found in the left-hand menu. When on the page, you will see the tabs below.



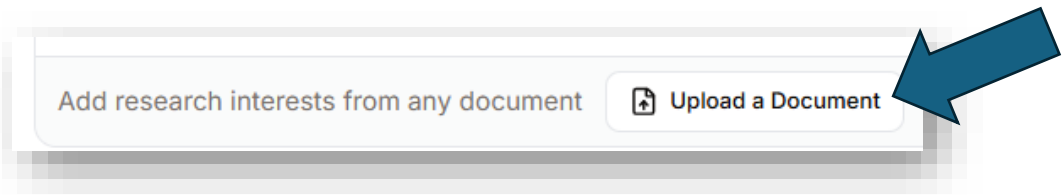
First, read through the information in the "**Research interests**" section. This information was generated by Atom's AI tool as it mined the internet looking at institutional websites, publications, and other sources to describe you and your interests.

You can update this information by typing edits directly into the bulleted list or by uploading a document (such as a recent copy of your CV/biosketch).

> *One creative way to use Atom is to upload a PDF of a recent rejected grant proposal you are still seeking funding for to your "Research interests" section. Atom will pull out key information from the upload to match you to relevant grant opportunities for that project idea going forward.*

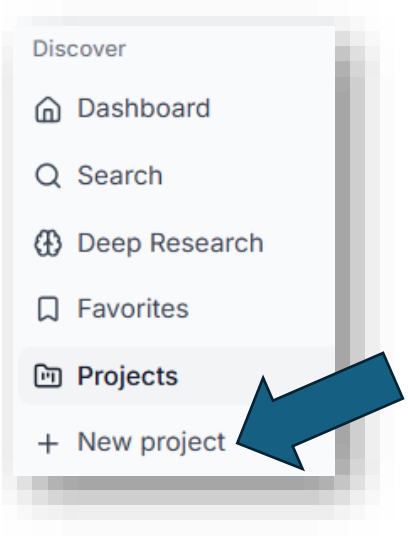
Do the same review and similar editing of your **Profile**, which can be accessed from within the "**Eligibility"** tab under Projects. Specify any important eligibility considerations you are aware of such as your citizenship, career stage, and characteristics of your college or the university. You can also specify what types of grants you do not want to see here in your profile.

Don't be shy about adding and removing research interests based on the projects you are currently seeking funding for. You can always regenerate overall research interests by uploading a copy of your CV/biosketch to the "**Upload a Document**" option at the bottom of the "Research interests" section of Projects.



The New "Projects" Tab

Atom has a new tab called **Projects** that can be accessed from the left-hand main menu. This tab is where your research interests and eligibility information are now located. If you have not added any special projects to your account, you will only see information for a default project called "[YOUR NAME]'s Research."

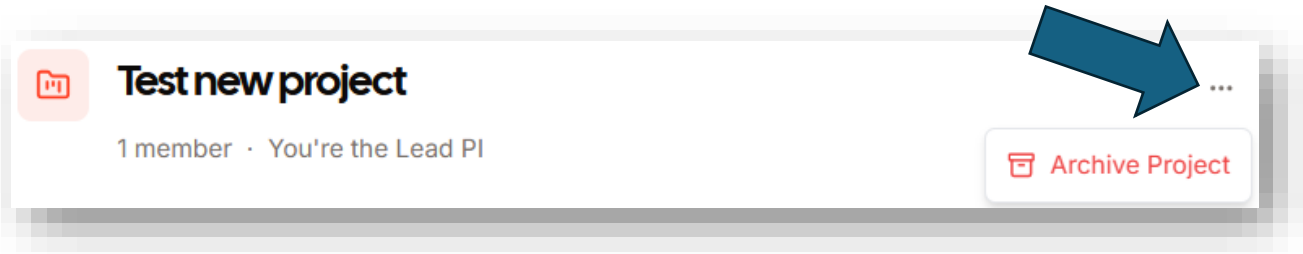


This new Atom feature is helpful if you are interested in keeping track of multiple projects separately, with distinct topic areas and/or eligibility requirements. You can create a separate "Project" for each distinct project idea you are looking to get funded, as well as when you are working with a team. If you want, you can add the emails of team members to a project so everyone keeps posted on new grant opportunities that surface. You can also "Favorite" grant opportunities within each project to monitor and keep track of them for yourself (and, if relevant, your team).

You may be especially interested in adding "**Grant filters**" for specific projects, such as the type of funder, award amount, and more.

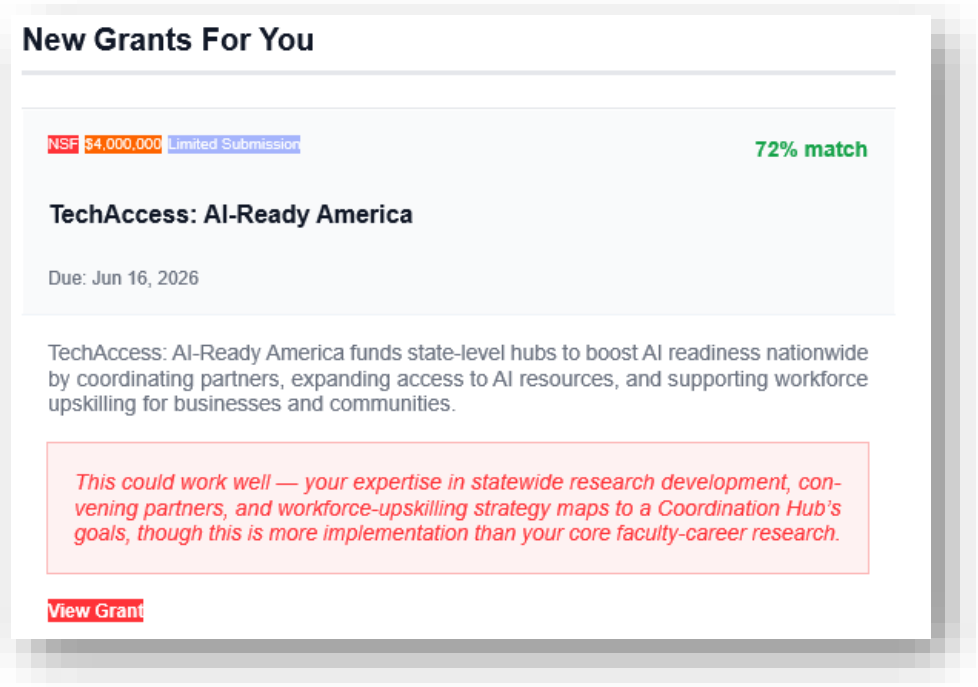
Once you have **multiple projects** you can toggle between the projects at the top of your Dashboard and Deep Research pages to limit your search results.

You can **archive projects** by clicking into them and then clicking the ellipisis ("…") in the top right-hand corner of the screen. *(Note: Once you archive a project it cannot be reactivated.)*



About Grant Recommendation Emails

By default you will receive a weekly email from Atom that includes grants it thinks you are a match for based on your eligibility criteria and research interests included in your Research Interests and Eligibility. These **Grant Recommendation Emails** will include several grant opportunities, along with a percentage match and brief rationale for each grant match assessment (example shown below).

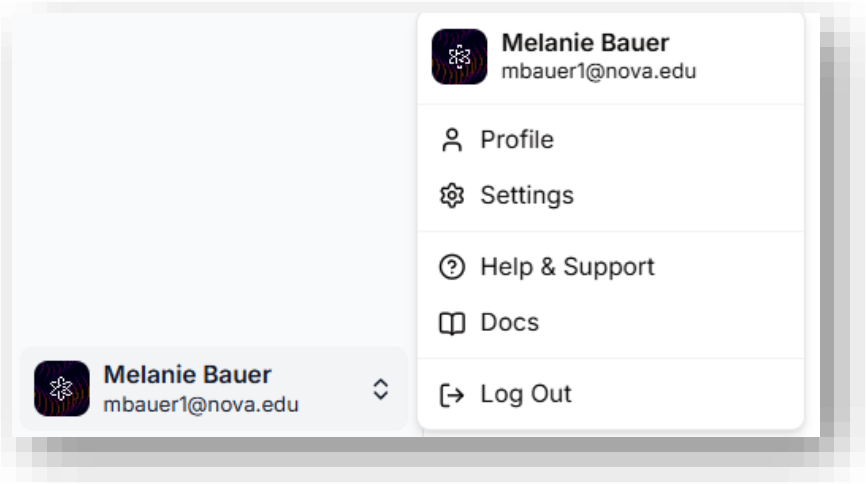


Importantly, you must make edits under the "Projects" tab to your Research Interests and Eligibility if you are not seeing grants that align with the kind of work you are seeking funding for.

Issues, Questions, or Feedback Using Atom

There are two ways to address any issues, questions, or feedback you have when using Atom.

First, you can contact Atom directly. Do so by clicking the arrows next to your name in the bottom left corner of the page. You can then click “Help & Support.” You can also access guides and advice for using Atom by clicking the “Docs” option.



Second, you can reach out to GrantLab@nova.edu or mbauer1@nova.edu to ask for additional guidance on how to get the most out of the Atom platform. These points of contact will likely not be able to assist with technical issues using the platform, but can help customize and enhance your user experience.