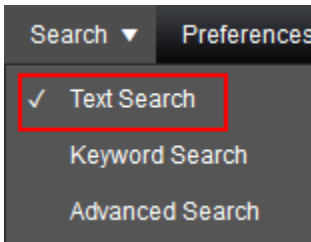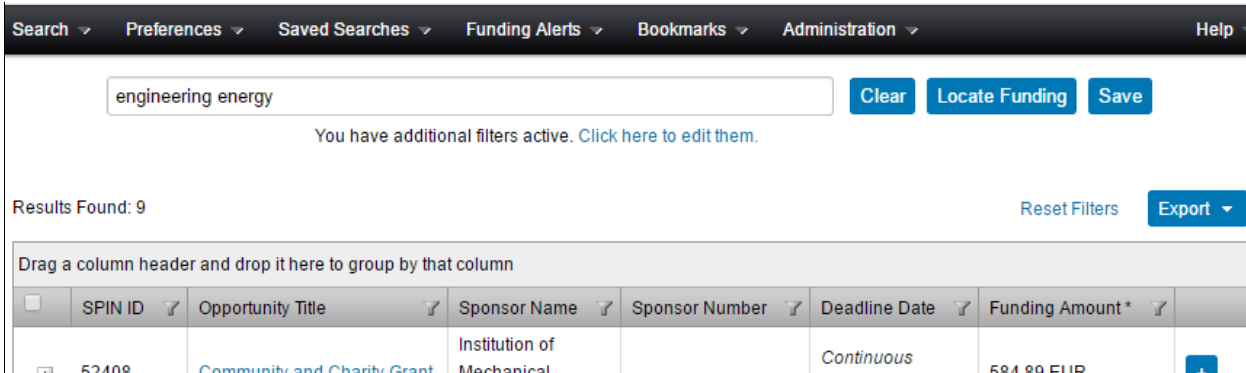# Text Search

A Text Search is the most commonly used search in SPIN.

Search terms are matched against all data fields in the system.

The Text Search also has capabilities to build more complex searches. More information is available from the Help > Text Search Help menu item.

Example Input	Description
Scientific research	Searches for records containing **scientific** and **research**. Inflectional forms of **science** and **research** are included. **AND** is assumed in this example.
Scientific OR research	Searches for records containing either **scientific** or **research**. Inflectional forms of **science** and **research** are included. The **OR** must be specified.
"science research"	Wrapping terms in double quotes searches for records containing the phrase **science research**. Inflectional forms of **science** (**science**, **sciences**) are included such that results include **science research** and **sciences research**.
stem -cell	Inserting a minus symbol before a term searches for records containing **stem** and not **cell**.
lake*	Appending an asterisk to a term invokes a wildcard search: searches for records containing **lake** and any suffix (e.g. lakes, Lakeland, lakeview). Note that * cannot be the first character of a search.
b?ll	A question mark ? serves as a wildcard substitute for a single character. Searching for b?ll will return results for bell, ball, or bill.
b?ll "river basin" -columbia	Complex searches combining features can be used as in this example that will find results that include b?ll (bill, ball, bell…) AND the string **river basin** but will exclude opportunities containing the word **columbia**.

Keyword Search
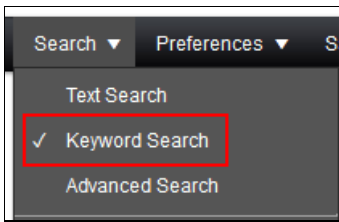
Click "Select Keywords" to select keywords to include in your search.

Use the keyword "Explorer" to browse Keyword categories and choose keywords.

Use the Keyword "Searcher" lookup box to type into and locate particular entries. Click "Show subset" and select the desired Keywords.

A keyword search matches keywords with those keywords attributed to a SPIN program.

Also, always ensure your Category Filters and Search Options have been configured appropriately.

Advanced Search
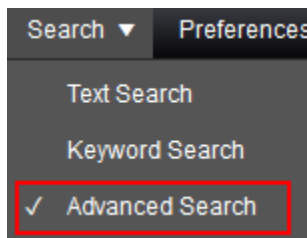
For more regular users of SPIN the Advanced Search offers capability to use Boolean logic and nested searches using specific SPIN data fields.

For example, the search below can be described as:

Show me all opportunities where
- the word 'engineering' is contained is any data field in the entire program
- the word 'fellowship' is contained in the Synopsis field
- the sponsor contact country is either Germany or U.S.A.

As always, please ensure your Category Filters and Search Options have been configured appropriately.