

Academic Professionalization

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Professionalization



Conferences



Networking



Grants

When to start going to conferences?

Which conferences? How to afford them?

What to present? What stage of research and type of project?

Conferences

When to start going to conferences?

2nd to 3rd year

But also ask an advisor, trusted faculty member, or reliable senior graduate colleague

Don't have to present on a panel. Can be a poster or e-poster!

Big ones: APSA, MPSA (Midwest), SPSA (Southern) and ISA (regional conferences as well)

APSA is very difficult to get accepted to as a graduate student. To be accepted, do a paper with a senior colleague or form your own panel

Smaller ones can be better, especially for your first time. Check out regional conferences!

Later on in graduate career try to go to more specific conferences for your area.

Form your own panels!

Which conferences and how?

Regional conferences tend to be cheaper

MPSA and SPSA are good lower cost large conferences

SPSA has travel grant that every graduate student can get once

Apply for both department and conference travel funding

Can carpool or share rooms with trusted colleagues to reduce costs

Affordability

What to present?

Papers that you completed for the end of your seminar

Working projects that you hope to submit for review, especially within 6 months to a year

Project does not need to be perfect! You are there to improve and receive feedback!

However, does not mean do not put time and effort into knowing your topic and presentation!

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CONFERENCE
ETTIQUETE



CREATING A WEBSITE
AND ONLINE PRESENCE

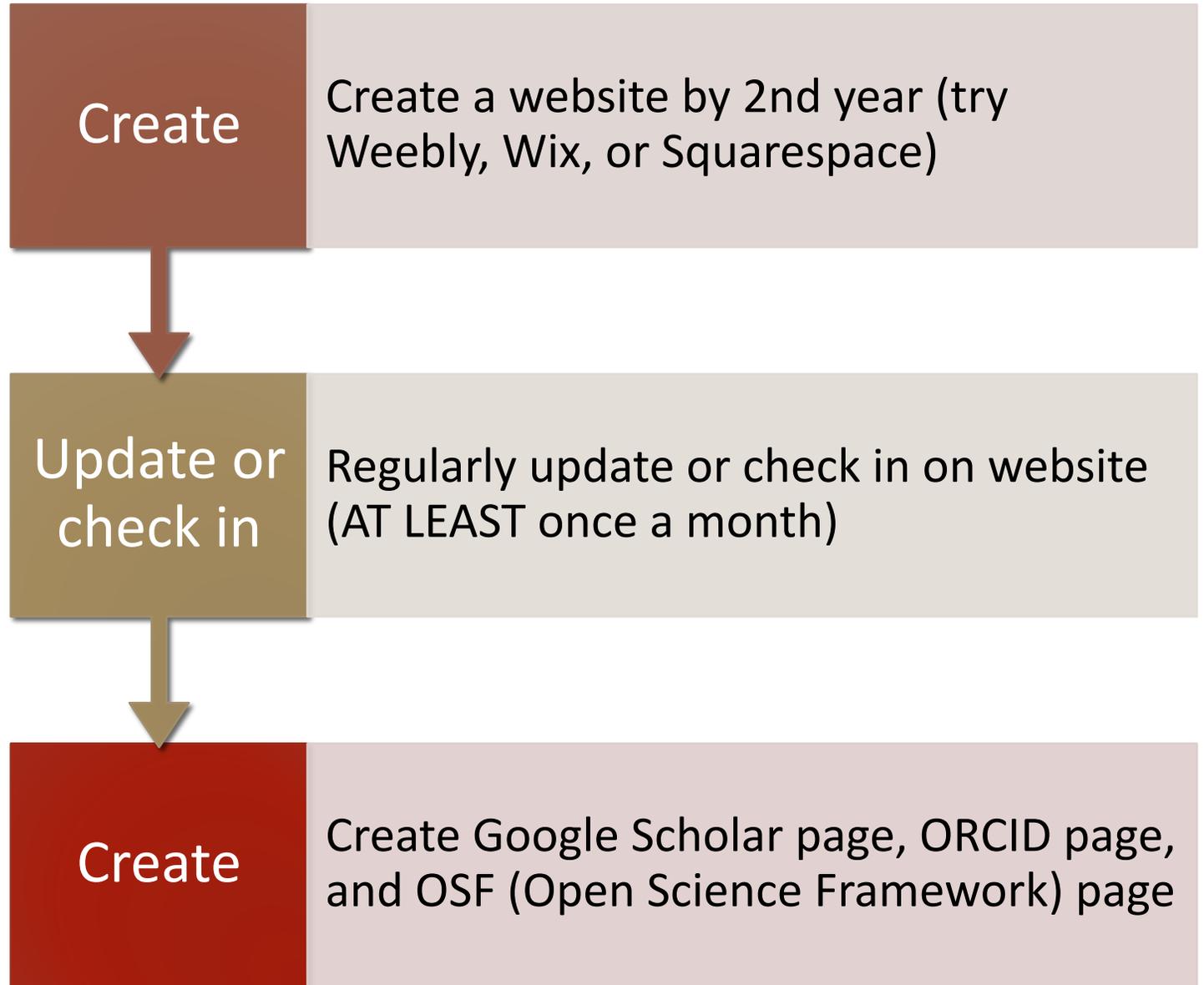


OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
AND TIPS

Conference etiquette and tips



Online presence



Twitter!!!

Academic twitter is too real and here to stay

Becoming involved can really raise your profile

Great place for new research and even co-authoring opportunities!!

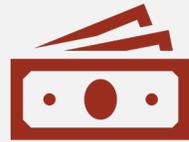
Other
opportunities
and tips

ICPSR and related
programs

Reaching out to scholars
over email or twitter

Don't be afraid to ask!

Grants



Internal funds



External funds

Internal funds



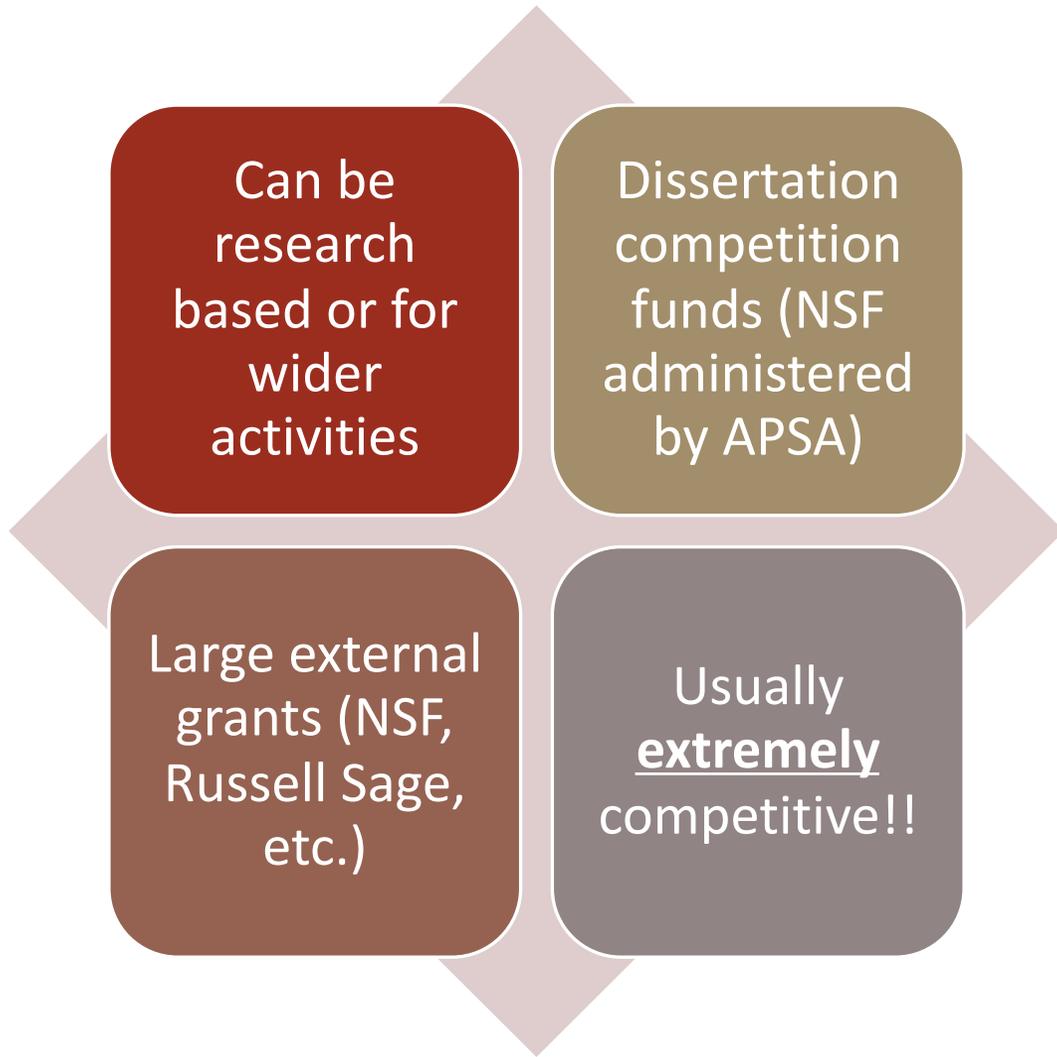
FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT FOR
TRAVEL



RESEARCH FUNDS (BOTH
IN THE DEPARTMENT
AND UGA WIDE)



TEACHING FUNDS



External funds

Tips on grant writing



Be as clear as possible. Do not hide your argument or contribution.



Follow the script or grant outline **exactly**.



Read other successful and not successful grants



Re-read multiple times and have others both within and outside your concentration evaluate



Thank you
so much
and any
questions!!!
