You want to embark on a research project, however, you do not know which keywords can generate matching funding opportunities for your endeavors. If so, you can use one or a combination of the techniques below.

1. Scan the Search Results
You may start your search with any keywords that are directly related to your research area. For example, if your research is on renewable energy, initial keywords could include “renewable energy,” “solar power,” “wind energy,” etc. After that, you can scan the results in titles, descriptions, or full text to identify the frequently appearing keywords. These will be the relevant search terms that you may want to add to the search box.

2. Examine Closed Grants or Awarded Projects
Instead of only scanning search results for active grants, you can note the keywords and phrases used in related closed grants (grants where the application period has ended) or from awarded projects (projects that have successfully received funding from sponsors).

   ● To search for closed grants on GrantForward, go to the Search Grant Opportunities page > Status filter > Closed.

   ● To search for awarded projects, visit Tutorial: How Can I Search for Awarded Projects?

3. Take Advantage of ChatGPT
You can provide ChatGPT with the purpose and research field of your project to make it suggest several keywords to start your search.

4. Refine and Iterate
When conducting your search, regularly refine your keywords based on the search results and new insights. Keep iterating until you find a combination that yields the best funding opportunities for your research.