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1 What is LikeThis?

LikeThis is a thesaurus-based search tool that allows you to find similar funded projects and publications. You can enter scientific text or select one of your assigned projects to retrieve a listing of similar funded projects and/or publications. In addition, a list of scientific terms with synonyms and scaled weights is generated based on your scientific text. You can enter scientific text or select one of your projects to retrieve a listing of similar funded projects and/or publications.

1.1 Logging In

To log into LikeThis from the Commons Login page:

1. Log in with your Commons user name and password on the Commons Login page.

2. After a successful login, the Commons Home page loads.
3. **Under Additional Links**, select the **LikeThis** link.

The system loads the **LikeThis Home** page. The **LikeThis Home** page includes a menu bar with links to the latest news and announcements, tips and support, and contact information.
Click on the LikeThis graphic to enter the system.

1.2 Contacting the eRA Commons Help Desk

If, after consulting this help system, you need additional assistance with LikeThis, please contact the eRA Commons Help Desk:

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2 Navigating LikeThis

The LikeThis Main page includes the following tabs for navigating the system:

- **My Scientific Text** tab
  View funded projects and/or publications similar to your scientific text

- **My Applications** tab
  View funded projects that you are eligible to see and publications similar to these applications

2.1 *Retrieving Funded Projects and Publications Based on Your Scientific Text*

You can retrieve funded projects and publications based on the scientific text you enter.

To retrieve funded projects and publications:

1. On the **My Scientific Text** tab, enter a title in **Proposed Project Title**. The proposed project title is weighted at 100%. This field is optional.

   The **My Scientific Text** tab loads.

   ![Figure 4: My Scientific Text Tab](image)

2. Enter or paste scientific text into the **Scientific Description/Scientific Aims** text box.

3. Select the **Submit** button.

   The system displays a listing of similar funded projects and publications, as well as scientific terms, on the **Funded Projects, Publications**, and **Scientific Terms** tabs.
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Figure 5: Funded Projects Tab

Figure 6: Publications Tab

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4. Sort the information on all three tabs in ascending or descending order by selecting the corresponding arrows in the column headers.

5. On the **Funded Projects** tab, select the **Project Number** or **Project Title** links to view the project in RePORTER.
Figure 8: Project Information in RePORTER

6. On the Publications tab, select the Publication Title or PM ID/PMC ID links to view the publication in PubMed.

Figure 9: Publications Information in PubMed
7. On the **Scientific Terms** tab, view the associated scientific terms and their weights.

### 2.2 Retrieving Funded Projects and Publications Based on Your Applications

You can retrieve funded projects and publications based on your applications.

To retrieve funded projects and publications:

1. If you have been delegated authority from a Project Director/Principle Investigator (PD/PI) to view their applications, select the **My Applications** tab, select the **PD/PI Name** from the drop-down list, and click **Go**.

![Figure 10: My Applications Tab](image)

2. The system displays a listing of similar funded projects and publications, as well as scientific terms, on the **Funded Projects, Publications**, and **Scientific Terms** tabs.

3. Select the number of results you want to view for both funded projects and publications from the **Results per section** drop-down. You can view a result set of 25, 75, 100, 200, or 500 funded projects and publications.

4. Sort the information on all three tabs in ascending or descending order by selecting the corresponding arrows in the column headers.

5. On the **Funded Projects** tab, select the **Project Number** or **Project Title** links to view the project in RePORTER.

6. On the **Publications** tab, select the **Publication Title** or **PM ID/PMC ID** links to view the publication in PubMed.

7. On the **Scientific Terms** tab, view the associated scientific terms and their weights.
2.3 **Funded Projects Tab**

Use the **Funded Projects** tab to view funded projects in RePORTER. Project information is limited to NIH grants only.

2.3.1 **Access**

To access the **Funded Projects** tab, search for funded projects and publications.

2.3.2 **Fields**

- **Project Number**
  Commonly referred to as a grant number. For grants, this unique identification number is composed of the type code, activity code, Institute/Center code, serial number, support year, and/or suffix code.

- **Subproject ID**
  A unique number assigned to a subproject on a multi-component project.

- **LikeThis Score**
  The degree of match between scientific terms and the resulting funded projects. The higher the LikeThis score, the closer the match.

- **Project Title**
  Title of the research project.

- **FY**
  The fiscal year of the project. LikeThis searches for the most recent active funded projects. If the project has reached its end date, the last funded project is displayed.

- **IC**
  The IC(s) providing funding for a project.

- **Contact Principal Investigator**
  An individual designated by the grantee to direct the project or activity being supported by the grant. He or she is responsible and accountable to the grantee and NIH for the proper conduct of the project or activity. Also known as Program Director or Project Director.

- **Organization**
  A generic term used to refer to an educational institution or other entity, including an individual, which applies for or receives an NIH grant or cooperative agreement.

- **State/Country**
  Geographical location (state or country) of awarded projects.
Study Section
A group responsible for the review of grant applications in an area of science. Study sections are grouped into large Integrated Review Groups (IRGs).

FY Funding
The fiscal year in which the project is funded.

2.4 Publications Tab

Use the Publications tab to view publications based on the scientific text you entered or your applications. Publication data is limited to all completed citations in the latest MEDLINE/PubMed Baseline Repository database where there is a match to an NIH awarded grant.

2.4.1 Access

To access the Publications tab, search for funded projects and publications.

2.4.2 Columns

Publication Title
Title of the published article.

LikeThis Score
The degree of match between scientific terms and the resulting publications. The higher the LikeThis score, the closer the match.

Pub Dt
Date the article was published.

Publication Authors
Authors of the published article.

Journal Name
The name of the journal in which the article was published.

Pub Year Volume (Issue) Page(s)
Year, volume/issue, and page numbers of the journal in which the article was published.

PMID PMC ID
The PubMed or PubMed Central identification number.

2.5 Scientific Terms Tab

Use the Scientific Terms tab to view scientific terms associated with your scientific text, and their weights. Scientific terms are produced based on their frequency of use in the project title, abstract, specific aims, and public health relevance of the grant application.
2.5.1 Access

To access the Scientific Terms tab, search for funded projects and publications.

2.5.2 Columns

Scientific Terms

Scientific terms in My Scientific Text are produced based on the frequency of use in the Proposed Project Title and Scientific Description/Specific Aims. Scientific terms in My Applications are produced based on the frequency of use in the project title, abstract, specific aims, and public health relevance of the grant application.

Weight

Weight assigned to the scientific term. The more times a scientific term appears, the higher its weight.

2.6 Exporting Data

To export funded projects, publications, and scientific terms data to Excel or XML:

1. Select the Export button.

The Data Export window loads.

Figure 11: Data Export Window
2. Add the information you want to include in the export by selecting the appropriate items and selecting the Add Selected button. Hold down the CTRL key to select multiple items. To add all available fields, select the Add All button. To remove items, select them from the right window and select the Remove Selected button. To remove all items, select the Remove All button.

3. Change the order of the columns in the export file by selecting the item you want to move in the right window and using the up and down arrows to move the item.

4. Select each tab at the top of the window and repeat steps two and three.

5. Select Excel or XML in File Type.

6. Select the Export button.

   If you selected Excel, the report opens in Excel. The Excel file contains a separate worksheet for each tab in the Data Export window.

   If you selected XML, the information is exported as XML data.

2.7 Returning to Commons

To return to the Commons landing page, select the Commons link at the top of the page.

2.8 Logging Out

To log out of LikeThis, select the Logout link on the upper-right side of the page.