

# Bridging the Gap Between Academia and Practice: Possibilities for Research Collaboration and Funding

#### BACKGROUND

The American Occupational Therapy Association reports that more studies are needed to investigate and support occupation-based interventions (AOTA, 2018). It is important for occupational therapy educators, practitioners, and students to collaborate and advance the distinct value of occupational therapy services.

### ACADEMIA

Library
Services

Literature
Review

Statistical
Analysis
Services

Services

# PRACTITIONERS

Novel Ideas

Practice
Questions

Aware of
Practice
Challenges

Access to
Clients

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#### COLLABORATION





#### FUNDING

Approximately 90% of foundations offering funding do not have websites.

The Foundation Center has a database of \$220,000,000,000.

Know the mission and funding priorities of the foundation!

#### Examples

- -Local & State Education Associations
- -The Spencer Foundation
- -American Hand Therapy Foundation
- -Assistive Technology Industry Association

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