

## Outside the Box : Frost & Sullivan

At some point you have to move from theory to practical application when developing a new technology, or improving upon an older one. It's important to become aware of the state of an industry or market for what you're working on, and Salmon Library has the tools for that! While listed as a business database, members of the College of Science should be aware of *Frost & Sullivan's* database. This resource provides market and industry data to inform a global perspective for a given product idea or application. With a brand new layout in 2014, you can browse industries such as **Aerospace & Defense** or **Energy Systems**, or technologies by categories like **microelectronics** or **materials & coatings**. There are handy categories as well to allow customization in finding just industry research versus press releases, or for finding forecasts based on country. Be informed about the global application potential of your

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