

Office for Research
Bridge Funding Support for Research Programs

The Bridge Funding Support program provides interim support to continue federally funded research projects with a demonstrated likelihood of continued federal funding pending resubmission.

- Up to \$40,000 from the Office for Research is available to maintain projects over a short duration (one year or less).
- At least an equal amount of matching funds is REQUIRED from the PI's department/school. These matching funds should include the balance(s) in the PI's discretionary account(s) and may include the departmental cost of graduate student support.

Eligibility:

All full-time, tenure track faculty with primary appointments in research-intensive departments in McCormick, WCAS, and the School of Communication are eligible to apply. Applications from the following are not accepted: faculty without a demonstrated history of external funding, postdoctoral fellows, projects to be performed while the PI is on sabbatical, visiting professors, faculty without evidence of investigative independence, and faculty whose work will not continue at the University.

Project Specifications:

- Applications MUST include copies of the most recent review summary statements for an R01 or equivalent from NIH and/or NSF; the proposal must have received a score.
- Requests should be limited to the minimum funding necessary to maintain a defined project over a short duration and are not expected to cover maintenance of an entire lab.

The following will be considered for Office for Research funding support:

- Salary/fringe of postdocs or other research staff
- Essential supplies
- Per diem costs for the current number of animals
- Cryogenic services to archive genetic lines

The following is not eligible for Office for Research funding support:

- Summer or other additional salary for the PI
- Base salary for the PI
- Graduate student costs; these must be borne by the department
- Administrative or secretarial support

- Travel, seminar or conference registration fees
- Applications should demonstrate a bridge between existing research effort and eventual external support, rather than requesting funding for a project repeatedly denied support and with no existing foundation from which a bridge to eventual external funding could be built.
- Awards may not cover budget reductions in existing awards from external sponsors or cost overruns from previous cycles.
- Awards are required to receive 1:1 matching funds from the PI's department/school.

Submission Process:

School research deans will submit applications on behalf of faculty. Direct applications from department chairs or individual faculty will not be accepted. The school is expected to review the request for strategic importance and for funding necessity.

Bridge Funding Application: Application materials should be submitted in a single PDF format in the order listed below.

- Grant Summary. The narrative should include the following from the grant proposal:
 - Proposal Summary page (or equivalent)
 - Specific Aims page
- Budget Justification (not to exceed one page). A narrative should be attached to this form which fully explains the relationship of costs to the proposed activity and the basis for cost estimates.
- The project director's current curriculum vita (not to exceed 5 pages). Include a summary of current and pending support, which is available as a report from InfoEd.
- Other support (not to exceed two pages). For the principal investigator and all co-investigators, list all sources of internal and external support available for all research efforts at the current time or within the next six months. Include all department funds (including discretionary and start-up funds). Indicate how you intend to spend these available funds. Please clarify the relationship between the proposed project and all currently funded activities.
- Copy of review panel summary statements and score.

Bridge Funding Report:

Successful applicants for bridge funding from the Office for Research are required to submit a progress report due between 6 months and 1 year after receiving the funding. This report should be a summary of one page or less indicating the following:

- Funding received from all external sources since the receipt of bridge funding.
- Manuscripts published or submitted since the receipt of bridge funding.
- Any other measures of research progress or productivity that are appropriate (do not provide a narrative summary).

The report should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Office for Planning, Finance and Communication in the Office for Research.