



Office of  
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## Bridge Funding 2020 - 21

### **Bridge Funding**

Bridge funding can provide financial support for existing programs for which external funding has expired but where renewal of external funding is likely in the near future. Program funds may be used to support undergraduate researchers, graduate researchers, technicians and/or post-doctoral fellows; the accumulation of new data to support an external funding proposal; or to provide necessary supplies for the continued operation of the lab or program. It is expected that all other monies available to the investigator will have been expended before applying to this program. There is no guarantee of funding.

Who may apply: Principal Investigators (PI's) who have been informed that their renewal application will not be funded, or PI's who are awaiting a funding decision on a submitted renewal application. See criteria below.

The one-year bridge fund awards will provide up to \$25,000 in support, with the PI's college and ORGS each covering 50% of the total request. Typical awards are in the range of \$10,000-\$15,000 and the size of award will not exceed the funding awarded in the final year of previous external support.

This program will support only projects with a high likelihood of continued funding by the sponsor. Bridge funds will not support projects that have either received a poor score from a funding agency or have reached the limit of permitted submissions by an agency without being funded. Only one bridge award will be made per project.

Approved bridge funding will be terminated either on the start date of the new external award or notification that the final round of funding requests was not approved.

Application/Review Process:

- Bridge funding is intended to extend externally funded research projects only. Requests for pilot studies or other unfunded research will not be considered.

- Applications for bridge funding should include:
  1. A transmittal form (available on the ORGS website).
  2. A summary letter from the PI that includes a statement of plans to request funding from external sponsors, along with a current CV.
  3. A detailed budget for the bridge period.
  4. If the external proposal has already been reviewed but will not be funded, include
    - a. The face, abstract and budget pages from the proposal that was reviewed.
    - b. If available, the priority score, percentile and reviewer critiques, along with the summary statement for the grant review.
  5. If notification on the award is still pending include
    - a. The face, abstract and budget pages from the submitted proposal.
    - b. Anticipated timeline for notification regarding funding.
  6. A list of current and pending research proposals.
  7. A list of funds available in existing startup or 4 accounts.
  8. A letter of support from the PI's dean.
- Review criteria: funding record of the PI, publications generated during the previous funding period, reviewer comments

Send these materials to David C. Weindorf, Ph.D., P.G. Vice President for Research and Innovation, Foust 251.