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# Bridge Funding Support Guidelines

The recent and likely ongoing decline in governmental support for research and the associated elevated levels of competition have prompted the release of **Bridge Funding** guidelines.

Bridge funding provides interim support to continue federally funded research projects with a demonstrated likelihood of continued federal funding pending resubmission. Bridge funding is not intended to substitute for outside research funding, but rather is intended to provide limited, interim funding to an investigator who has applied for, but failed to receive, funding for ongoing well established research.

## Eligibility

- Any PI on a grant
- The grant is a research project and not primarily a demonstration project, training program, or postdoctoral fellowship
- The grant has been funded for at least seven consecutive years (on the same grant or a combination of related federal grants) by a federal agency with a bona fide peer review (e.g. NIH, NSF, NASA, DOE)
- PI's application for continued support from that or another federal funding agency has not been funded (PI should have submitted a competitive application **during the last year** of the extramural funding cycle)
- Proposal has an outstanding chance of obtaining funding in the next round of submission (for example, a scored NIH proposal).
- If funding runs out without a renewal application for continued funding having been submitted and scored, then the PI is not eligible for bridge funding.
- PI must agree to continue reapplying for extramural funding (in the same research area).
- Awards may not cover budget reductions in existing awards or cost overruns from previous awards.

## Project Specifications

- Up to $50,000 from the ORSP is available to maintain projects until a funding decision is made after the next submission (one year or less).

- The total bridge funds cannot exceed the expected total IDC of the submitted grant.

- Availability of matching funds from the PI's department/college may enter into bridge funding allocations from ORSP. The calculation of matching funds should include the balance(s) in the PI's discretionary account(s) and can include the departmental cost of graduate student support.

- Applications MUST include copies of the most recent review summary statements from the latest agency review of their proposal.

- 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.

- 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.

If the PI's extramural proposal is funded during bridge support, unexpended funds in proportion to the time remaining in the Bridge Award shall be returned upon receipt of the Notification of Award and the accounts have been established.

Awarded funds must be spent according to the budget provided by the investigator.

## Application Process

The College's Dean or Assistant/Associate Dean will submit applications on behalf of faculty. Direct applications from department chairs or individual faculty will not be accepted. The College is expected to review the request for strategic importance and for funding necessity.

The number and amount of the awards will depend on the availability of funds and are made at the discretion of the Associate Vice President for Research. Requests might not be funded. Funding decisions will take into consideration the length of previous funding for the grant under deliberation for bridge funding as well as the productivity of the investigator as indicated by high impact publications.

Application materials should be submitted by the College's Dean or Assistant/Associate Dean in a single PDF format in the order listed below to the Associate Vice President for Research.

**Proposal Information Needed**

o   Specific Aims, with enough information to evaluate the work proposed

o   Summary Statements/reviews

o   Biosketch

o   PI's response to reviewers' comments

o   Bridge Budget, in detail, with justification