This program provides one-time funding to Principal Investigators (PIs) who have lost, or will lose their primary extramural funding. Funds ensure continuation of a research project for an interim period until extramural support can be reestablished.

To better serve our faculty, in response to sequestration and other impacts to grant funding, the Office of Research will implement revised PI Bridge Program requirements on a temporary basis, commencing February 11, 2014, and amended on August 1, 2014.

- Awards will be granted, based on need, for a maximum of one year and totaling $80,000, or the average annual direct costs received by the grantee from a peer-reviewed extramural grant for the previous five years (or three years, if applicable), whichever is less.
- The Office of Research will provide 50% of each request for Bridge Program funds (i.e., up to $40,000). The remainder of the funds should be provided by the applicant’s Dean’s office and/or department.
- If the grantee reestablishes funding from other sources during the grant period, the unspent bridge funds will be returned to the Office of Research.
- Previous receipt of bridge funds will not disqualify you from this program. However, starting February 11, 2014, applicants may apply for the expanded bridge funding no more frequently than once every five years.
- For awards with multiple PIs, duplicative requests to bridge the same program will not be entertained. Instead, a joint application may be submitted. Multiple Colleges/Departments are allowed to contribute additional funding in this circumstance at their discretion if they wish to provide more than the $80,000 bridge ceiling but OR’s share will not exceed $40,000.

Please note: the School of Medicine (SOM) has published a separate document that details its internal bridge funding request process. SOM PIs should review this document: http://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/SOM-Bridge-Funding-Process-3-10-141.pdf

Other colleges may also have their own process related to this bridge program.

Who is eligible:
PIs are eligible for Bridge Program funding provided they meet all the following criteria:
- They have received extramural funding from peer-reviewed sources for at least three years while at UC Davis.
- They have a gap in extramural funding of no more than two years.
- They have made and continue to make substantial efforts to reestablish funding.

Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis in those instances where some grant support remains, but those funds must be unalterably committed to a specific need, for example, if such funds are designated for equipment or travel.

Assistance can be requested for the following expense categories:
- Supplies
- Animal care
- Salaries for research support personnel, including graduate student assistants and post docs.
• Travel to field sites for data collection

**Funds granted by the Bridge Program cannot be used for:**
• PI salaries
• Budget overdrafts
• Equipment
• Travel to scientific meetings

**How to apply:**
   • Provide grant number(s) of the extramural support that was lost or delayed.
   • Supply the last annual budget page of the lost/delayed grant(s). If seeking the average annual direct costs for the previous three to five years, please provide a budget page for each year.
   • Supply evidence that a grant or contract proposal has been submitted to fund the research beyond the bridge. Include the agency name, proposal title, total requested amount, and anticipated agency decision date. Provide the Sponsored Projects Office proposal tracking number(s) for pending proposals.
   • State whether or not bridge funding has been previously received. If PI Bridge Program funds were received previously, provide the dates and amount of the prior Bridge funding, a statement about what extramural support was received to reestablish funding thereafter and information on the extramural support that was lost or delayed to cause the current new funding gap.
2. Submit all to ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu

**Award:**
Awards will be granted, based on need, for a maximum of one year or until the grantee reestablishes funding from other sources, whichever comes first.
• In most cases, award decisions take approximately 30 days to process.
• Awards will be for a maximum of $80,000 (50:50 split between OR and unit), or the average annual direct costs received by the grantee from a peer-reviewed extramural grant for the previous five years (or three years, if applicable), whichever is less.
• In calculating previous grant support, only funds from federal grant agencies or other organizations with rigorous peer review will be considered.

When extramural funding is reestablished, all unused funds must be returned to the Bridge Program.

If you have questions regarding the Bridge Program, please contact ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu

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