

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR BRIDGE PROGRAM GUIDELINES – REVISED 9/1/16

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.

As of September 1, 2016, the PI Bridge Program (“bridge”) will be administered by the Office of Research, but bridge applications will be processed and awarded by the dean’s office at each school and college.

General bridge application guidelines are below. Applicants are encouraged to contact their dean’s office to determine specific bridge fund application requirements and acceptable use of funds. The School of Medicine’s bridge process can be found online at: <http://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/SOM-Bridge-Funding-Process.pdf>

- Awards will be granted, based on need, for a maximum of one year and up to **\$80,000** depending on availability of funds. This \$80K may include funding from academic departments.
- If the grantee reestablishes funding from other sources during the grant period, the unspent bridge funds will be returned to the PI’s dean’s office.
- **Applicants may apply for bridge funding no more frequently than once every five years.**

Who is eligible?

PIs are eligible for bridge 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.

Assistance can be requested for the following expense categories:

- Supplies
- Animal care
- Salaries for research support personnel, including graduate student assistant and post docs
- Travel to field sites for data collection

Funds granted by the Bridge Program cannot be used for:

- Budget overdrafts

Other restrictions may be applied by the PI’s dean’s office.

How to apply:

Provide the following information to your dean’s office:

- PI Name, Title, Email, and Phone Number
- Co-PI Name(s), Title(s), Email(s), and Phone Number(s)
- Administrative Unit(s), Contact Name(s), Email(s), Phone Number(s), and School/College
- Summary/justification of bridge fund request

- Grant number(s) of the extramural support that was lost or delayed. *NOTE: In calculating previous grant support, only funds from federal grant agencies or other organizations with rigorous peer review will be considered.* Last annual budget page of the lost/delayed grant(s).
- Evidence that a grant or contract proposal has been submitted to fund the research beyond the bridge. Include:
 - Agency name
 - Proposal title
 - Total requested amount
 - Anticipated agency decision date
 - Sponsored Programs Office proposal tracking number(s) for pending proposals
- State whether or not bridge funding has been previously received. If bridge funds were received previously, provide:
 - Dates and amount of the prior bridge funding
 - A statement about what extramural support was received to reestablish funding thereafter
 - Information on the extramural support that was lost or delayed to cause the current new funding gap.
- State all funds available to the applicant to support research program including carry-forward, endowments, and discretionary funds.

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.

Extraordinary Exceptions:

The Vice Chancellor for Research will consider requests under extraordinary circumstances from the PI's dean's office when bridge funds cannot be provided.

If you have questions regarding the PI Bridge Program, please contact your dean's office.