

School of Medicine Bridge Funding Request

I. Objective

- a. 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. In an effort to reduce administrative workload, bridge applications are administered, processed, and awarded by the School of Medicine Office of Research. If you have questions regarding the PI Bridge Program, please contact SOMOR@ucdavis.edu

II. Bridge Funding Eligibility

- a. Applicants may apply for bridge funding no more frequently than once every **five** years.
- b. 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.
 - PIs may apply for bridge funding if some grant support remains, but alternative funds must be insufficient or unavailable for use to preserve the research team during the gap period.
 - They have made and continue to make substantial efforts to reestablish funding

III. Funding Amount

- a. School of Medicine applicants may apply, based on need and documented eligibility, for a total maximum of \$80,000.
- b. When awarded, the Office of Research will provide 60% of each request for bridge funds (i.e., up to \$48,000), the remainder will be divided evenly between the School of Medicine Dean's Office and the investigator's Department (up to \$16,000 each).
- c. Contribution from the Office of Research will be based on availability of funds during each fiscal year.

IV. Expenses eligible for Bridge Funding

- a. Supplies
- b. Animal care
- c. Salaries
- d. Travel to field sites for data collection

V. Expenses ineligible for Bridge Funding

- a. Budget overdrafts
- b. Equipment
- c. Travel to scientific meetings
- d. PI Salary for ladder rank faculty will generally not be considered.

VI. Application Process

- a. Complete the Office of Research Internal Research Funding Programs application form located at <http://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/InternalResearchFundingForm.docx>
- b. Supply the last annual budget page of the approved grant. If seeking the average annual direct costs for the previous three to five years, please provide a budget page for each year.
- c. Supply evidence that a grant has been submitted to fund the research beyond the bridge.
- d. Each request must be accompanied by a letter from the Department Chair committing matching funds towards the bridge funding request. The application will be sent to School of Medicine faculty for confidential peer review and recommendations. The School of Medicine Dean's Office will evaluate the faculty reviews and letter of commitment, sign the request if approved, and forward to the UC Davis Office of Research for consideration.
- e. Send the completed form, along with the required documentation, to the School of Medicine Deans Office c/o Anuurad Erdembileg (anuerdem@ucdavis.edu).
- f. NOTE: In calculating previous grant support, only funds from federal grant agencies or other organizations with rigorous peer review will be considered.

VII. Award

- a. 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.

VIII. Extraordinary Exceptions

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