

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR BRIDGE PROGRAM GUIDELINES – REVISED 9/1/17

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, this program underwent a procedural change in FY 2016-17. The effectiveness of this alternative approach was reviewed, and it has been determined that the PI Bridge Program (“bridge”) will return to its former administrative process for bridge awards, with a few revisions, detailed in red below. As of September 1, 2017, bridge applications will be, as in prior years, administered, processed, and awarded by the Office of Research.

Bridge application guidelines are below. The bridge process for School of Medicine PIs can be found online at: <http://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/SOM-Bridge-Funding-Process.pdf>

- **Applicants may apply for bridge funding no more frequently than once every five years.**
- Awards will be granted, based on need, for a maximum of one year and up to **\$80,000**.
- **The Office of Research will provide 60% of each request for bridge funds (i.e., up to \$48,000). The remainder of the funds will be provided by the applicant’s Dean’s office and/or department.**
- 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 \$48,000.
- If the grantee reestablishes funding from other sources during the grant period, the unspent bridge funds will be returned to the **PI Bridge Program**.

Awards are dependent on availability of funds.

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.
 - **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.

Assistance can be requested for the following expense categories:

- Supplies
- Animal care
- Salaries
- Travel to field sites for data collection

Funds granted by the Bridge Program cannot be used for:

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

How to apply:

- Complete the **Office of Research Internal Research Funding Programs application form** located at <http://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/InternalResearchFundingForm.docx>
 - 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.
 - Supply evidence that a grant has been submitted to fund the research beyond the bridge.
- Submit all to ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu

NOTE: In calculating previous grant support, only funds from federal grant agencies or other organizations with rigorous peer review will be considered.

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.**

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 ORBusiness@ucdavis.edu.