

## BRIDGE FUNDING

**Award:** \$50,000

**Fall Deadline:** December 18, 2017

**Winter Deadline:** April 16, 2018

**Summer Deadline:** August 10, 2018

### PURPOSE

WSU's Bridge Funding Program provides one-time financial support for Principal Investigators to sustain federally-funded research projects that were not successful with grant proposals submitted as part of program continuation.

### SIZE OF AWARD AND TIME PERIOD

The size of the award **will not exceed \$50,000**. Applications will be accepted three times a year (see deadlines above).

**Please note:** Faculty salary cannot be supported through this mechanism and will remain the responsibility of the unit (college, school, department, center, or institute) that incurred the original obligation. Letters of support will be required from the department chair, and dean or director responsible for providing salary and space support to the applicant (see *Application Requirements*).

### FUNDING

ASSISTANCE CAN BE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE CATEGORIES:

- Lab supplies
- Animal Care
- Salaries/benefits for research support personnel

BRIDGE FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR:

- Travel
- Budget overdraft coverage
- PI and co-PI salaries (including summer salaries)
- Administrative costs (i.e., school and departmental surcharges)

- Equipment

## **ELIGIBILITY**

A PI is eligible for Bridge Program funding, provided he or she:

- Has lost, or will lose most of his or her extramural federal funding within 12 months of the Bridge application deadline
- Received extramural federal funding within 18 months of the application for Bridge Funding
- Has made substantial efforts to re-establish funding through submission of competitive renewal applications

### **Note additional requirements:**

- PIs who have submitted a proposal for national funding but who have not been reviewed yet should not submit a proposal until there is clear evidence that funding was denied;
- When extramural funding is re-established, all unspent funds must be returned to the Bridge Program to assist other investigators.

Exceptions to eligibility may be made by the Vice President for Research under unusual circumstances.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applications must include:

- Cover sheet (attached)
- Overview of your research program (1/2 page)
- Information on the grant you are requesting to bridge, including sponsor, funding mechanism, title, funding period, and total direct and indirect costs awarded for the grant to be bridged
- External original and complete review documents of the grant to be bridged, including priority scores, reviewers' comments and information on the number of revised applications submitted

- Description of how you will address the deficiencies noted in the reviews of the non-renewed application, as well as how your use of bridge funding will lead to a successful renewal (2 pages).
- Brief description of your current financial needs and attempts to re-establish funding (1/2 page)
- Listing of all publications during the last five years
- Listing of all grant applications in the last five years
- Detailed budget (1 page) of proposed expenditures for bridging the research program, using the categories of personnel, lab supplies, and miscellaneous along with budget justification
- Letters of support from the applicant's department chair, dean or director responsible for providing salary and space support to the applicant, outlining specific support that will be committed from the department and college/school and center/institute. Please include an assessment of the likelihood of future funding, a financial plan for continuation of the research in the event extramural funding is not obtained, and evidence that the department/school is contributing to the continuance of research operations in an appropriate manner (e.g., graduate student support).
- Abbreviated CV of **no more than 4 pages** of the PI, in NIH or NSF format. Please do not include a full CV.
- Index number and balance for F & A accounts belonging to the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator

## REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING CRITERIA

Applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of associate research deans and directors, faculty with successful funded research programs, and/or associate vice presidents for research. This committee will recommend which applications to fund, based on:

- **Likelihood of eventual** funding, using evidence such as the priority score of unsuccessful proposals submitted for program continuation, the nature of the critique and how well any issues of concern are addressed
- **Publication record and research productivity** of the Principal Investigator
- Applicant's **efforts to obtain external support**

- **Committed support**, including financial support, from the applicant's department, school/college and/or center/institute

## **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Applications that **do not include the original unedited reviews of the grant to be bridged will not be considered.**
- Applicant must be PI of the grant to be bridged.
- Faculty members receiving Bridge Funding awards will be required by the Bridge Funding Committee to have an external reviewer critique of the revised grant proposal prior to submission. Funding for the external review will be paid for by OVPR.
- Funds will not be released until the faculty member provides evidence of IRB or IACUC approval, if applicable.

**Awards will be competitive, and all applications may not be funded.**

## **SUBMISSION**

Proposals should be uploaded as **one PDF through Evisions**, which is accessible via the **Research Resources tab in [Academica](#)**. A WSU access ID and Academica password is required.

To submit your internal funding request, please **follow the steps** in the [Internal Evisions user guide](#), making sure to **follow the instructions below**.

- Select sponsor name "Bridge Funding Review Program – OVPR"
- Reference what grant you are planning to bridge in your project title
- Include program application deadline
- Receive all unit and college approvals by 5 p.m. on program deadline
- Do not include indirect costs on internal funding requests
- Include "VP Research H09050" in the Approving Units sections of Evisions to correctly route through the system

If you have questions about entering and uploading your internal funding proposal, please contact Tim Foley at [tpfoley@wayne.edu](mailto:tpfoley@wayne.edu) or 313-577-8357. If you have questions about the

particular funding program, contact Sarah James at [sjames@wayne.edu](mailto:sjames@wayne.edu) or 313-577-8997. If you have questions about transfer of funds for any of our programs, contact Helen Smith at [helen.smith@wayne.edu](mailto:helen.smith@wayne.edu) or 313-577-2824. If assistance is required with technical issues, please contact [Research.IT@wayne.edu](mailto:Research.IT@wayne.edu).

**All proposals, including ALL APPROVALS by unit and college, must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the application deadline.**

**Wayne State University  
BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM  
COVER PAGE**

<b>Date of application:</b>	
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	
<b>Principal Investigator Title:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Title of proposal:</b>	
<b>Grant to be bridged:</b>	
<b>Name of agency most recently submitted to:</b>	
<b>Amount of bridge funding requested:</b>	
<b>Amount of funds provided by dept./college/other sources:</b>	
<b>Animal or human subjects:</b>	
<b>Department chair name and email:</b>	
<b>Dean name and email:</b>	