

University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Guidelines for COM Bridge Funding

Eligibility:

The purpose of bridge funding is to assist faculty that have been previously supported by extramural funding and have submitted an application that has been declined, but that has a reasonable chance of being revised to be funded.

Requirements:

- Tenure-Track investigators
- The Investigator's NIH (R-series only), NSF or VA competitive renewal application was not funded.
 - A new application for external funding is not eligible for bridge support unless it substitutes for an existing research grant or it is from a new investigator with demonstrated success but without an R01 equivalent
 - This is not a mechanism to extend start up packages.
- Applicants with multiple active grants can apply, but will be held to a more stringent standard.
- Departments must provide a 1:1 match in addition to providing faculty salaries.

Application Procedure – The following must be included:

- Letter from the Department Chair/Center Director stating that the Department/Center will match the request.
- The critiques from the application that is being requested to bridge.
- A statement of the applicant's approach to rebutting the critiques.
- A summary of the studies that will be completed during the interval that will be covered by the bridge funding.
- A summary of the publications that will be used to justify the productivity in the last cycle. The Investigator should indicate their assessment of their level of these journals in which these manuscripts were published. The most common metric for the committee to assess is the ISI's Impact Factor.
- A listing of all the personnel in the Investigator's laboratory and the funds they are sourced to.
- A complete listing of all funds available to the Investigator's laboratory.
- Proposed budget for the expenditures to be used from the bridge funding.
- If this is a request for a continuation of bridge funding, provide the justification of new issues that will addressed to elevate the competitiveness of the resubmission.

Submissions and Funding Procedures:

- A group consisting of the Senior Leadership of the COM will review applications and provide recommendations to the Dean.
- Submissions will be reviewed to coincide with receipt of NIH reviews. It is estimated this will be January, May, August. Bridging request for other agencies will be consider at the interval relevant to that agency.
- Awards depend on availability of funds and are made at the discretion of the Dean.

Submit applications to: Office of the Senior Associate Dean for Research – COM.SADR@uky.edu

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