

CALS Bridge Funding Program

The CALS Bridge funding program provides financial support to minimize disruption of existing research projects that have temporarily lost external funding but show high promise of success in the next round of competitive review, in particular for proposals that just missed the payline or were ranked High Priority but not funded.

Available Funding:

The maximal award for Bridge Funding is not to exceed \$4,000/month for 12 months (\$48,000/year). The support will be provided monthly and end on the start date of any renewed or new funding.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from faculty who hold a primary appointment (i.e., tenured, tenure-track, continuing, continuing-eligible or non-tenure-track research) from any unit in the College. Applicants must have a research appointment.

- Applicants must show evidence of an independent research program and have no current major funding (e.g., USDA, NSF, NIH, DOD, DOE).
- Applicants must have applied for renewal (or first funding) in support of this project (i.e., pending grant application) and received a score from the major funding agency (e.g., a scored competitive renewal application).
- Applicants must have shown consistent research productivity during the past and current years.

Submission Dates:

Bridge funding requests will be considered twice per year, with application deadlines of September 1 and March 1, with funding to begin October 1 and April 1, respectively.

Application Process: Submit the following documents in a single pdf to Sangita@email.arizona.edu:

- A brief letter (1-2 page) describing the reason for the request, the amount and duration of requested funding, the likelihood of receiving future funding, the grant proposal resubmission date (past or future), and the benefits of the proposed project to the Department and the College. This letter has to be co-signed by the Unit head.
- Official documentation of relevant grant scores, grant review comments, and current pay-line information of the funding agency.
- "Other Support" information including current, pending and past grants. Investigators who have other major active grants (e.g., NSF, NIH, USDA etc.) are not qualified to receive Bridge Funding.
- The applicant's CV.
- Brief letter from Unit Head supporting the bridge funding application

Review and Selection Process:

- Likelihood that the pending application will be funded upon resubmission.
- Priority/percentile score of the first submission.
- Scientific soundness of the proposed research project
- Past research productivity of the applicant.

- Contribution of the applicant's research program and the project to the research mission of the College.
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Associate Dean for Research. Final funding decisions will be made by the Associate Dean for Research.

Terms of Award:

- Bridge Funding is intended for salary support of lab research personnel, lab supplies, animals, equipment, etc. Bridge funding cannot be used for faculty salary or for travel.
- A maximum of one award per investigator will be provided within a five-year period.
- Support will be provided monthly, for a maximum of one year, and end on the start date of any renewed or new funding.
- If the applicant misses the deadline for grant resubmission as stated in the cover letter, bridge funding may be withdrawn and a written explanation will be required.
- Bridge funding support will be terminated if the applicant receives major external funding from any sources (e.g, NSF, NIH, USDA, NASA, DOD, DOE, etc) during the bridge funding period.