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## **Internal funding program (IFP)**

The Internal Funding Program (IFP) provides support to:

- established Principal Investigators (PIs) to continue a federally funded research program that has recently lost funding.
- junior faculty who have exhausted start-up funds and have not yet successfully obtained extramural funding either as a PI or co-PI.

The IFP also provides limited support for supplies, equipment, etc. to eligible faculty on a case by case basis.

The IFP is derived from indirect cost recovery from funded grants. PIs request bridge support are expected to have contributed ICR funds or have submitted grant applications that include ICR income.

The Research Committee reviews all IFP requests and makes a recommendation to the Associate Dean for Research.

### **Eligibility criteria**

#### **Bridge funding**

1. Bridge funds are available to full-time faculty (including research and clinical track) who have a record of external funding and have had an application reviewed but not funded.
2. Investigators with > \$50,000 in available discretionary funds (e.g., ICR account, start-up funds) must document the percentage of those funds that will be included in the bridge request . Requests that exceed \$50K must be accompanied by a full accounting of all sources available to the applicant (e.g., ICR account, startup funds).
3. Requests for bridging cannot exceed 50% of the first year direct cost (less faculty salaries) of the unfunded application.
4. Requests for salary support for non-faculty personnel must match the percent effort listed on the unfunded application.
5. A request for bridging beyond the initial time period (normally 1 year) require a progress report with substantial evidence of progress such as grant submission resulting in improved scores and/or critiques and/or accepted manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals that address the project's topic. Bridge requests beyond 2 consecutive years of funding will not be considered.

#### **Bridge request application procedure:**

1. Requests must be submitted to the research committee at least 2 weeks before its monthly meetings.
2. Requests are made on a full FY basis. Should extramural funds become available to the PI during that FY then any remaining funds will revert back to the OADR ICR account.

3. Complete the application form for bridging.
4. Brief biosketch that also lists all active and completed funding for the past 3 years.
5. List of previous efforts to obtain extramural funding. Previously reviewed applications must be accompanied by the reviewers' comments (e.g., Summary Statement).
6. Description of proposed use of bridge funds (limit of 5 pages) with Specific Aims and Approach sections if appropriate (e.g., NIH applications). Rationale and description of plans to address previous critiques (Introduction page). Provide budget justification that is in line with the proposed research.

**Review Criteria for Bridge Funds:**

1. Evidence of efforts to obtain extramural funds from internal (e.g., OVPR bridge, AHC seed grants, OVPR grant-in-aid) as well as external sources.
2. Evidence, based on previous critiques, that the proposed plan addresses the previous reviewers' concerns with a reasonable likelihood of improvement in scores.
3. Priority given to meritorious bridge proposals from PIs with no other source of funding to preserve unique research resources or capabilities (e.g. personnel, patient cohorts, animals).