Bridge Funding to assist faculty to maintain research productivity when a recent extramural grant application has not been funded until extramural funding has been restored.

Research Advisory Committee funding recommendations are based upon evaluation of the submission according to the following evaluation criteria:

- The merit and quality of the application.
- An estimation of the likelihood that support will lead to extramural funding.
- The level of support by the applicant's home department. It is expected that the home department will contribute to the costs of intramurally-funded research by their faculty.

Research Advisory Committee funding recommendations are submitted to the Vice President for Research who makes final funding decisions based upon the availability of funding in consultation with the Chair of the Research Advisory Committee. Once a final decision has been made, the PI will be notified in writing.

Applications are reviewed three times per year. The deadlines for receipt of are:
- February 10
- June 10
- October 10

When a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the deadline is the next scheduled work day.

Application Process
Applications are available at http://www.upstate.edu/researchadmin/sponsored_programs/funding/intramural.php.

Please submit an electronic copy of the application to Katie Keough, keoughk@upstate.edu. Applications are peer reviewed by the Upstate Research Advisory Committee. Funding decisions about will be released within 4-5 weeks after the submission deadline.

NOTE: The IRB will not accept a study to review until funding is secured.

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Bridge Grant Funding

Purpose:
This program provides funding to faculty who have lost, or anticipate a loss of peer-reviewed extramural funding and have significant potential for future extramural funding. The primary goal is to enable faculty to continue their research by keeping teams together and maintaining lab productivity as they seek to restore their funding. New tenure-track faculty who do not have a track record of Federal funding may also apply for bridge funding if they meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

Eligibility:

Faculty members with a primary appointment at Upstate Medical University and who can demonstrate that they are principal investigators of an independent research program are eligible for bridge funding provided:

• They are established faculty members (including non-tenure track faculty) who have previously received significant extramural peer-reviewed funding, generally equivalent to an NIH RO1-level award, within the past five years and are making substantial efforts to re-establish funding or extend existing funding.

OR

• They are junior tenure-track faculty who have yet to receive significant peer-reviewed extramural funding but have a previously reviewed, but unfunded NIH RO1-level submission that will be resubmitted for funding.

Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funds can be requested in the following expense categories:

• Supplies and equipment
• Animals and animal care
• Salaries/Benefits for research support personnel, excluding Graduate Students.
• Payments to core research facilities, such as flow cytometry

Funds cannot be used for:

• Travel
• Budget overdrafts
• Payment of interdepartmental fees for services (e.g. charges for equipment use or laboratory services)
• PI salaries in most cases
Awards:
Awards will be granted for one year or until the grantee re-establishes extramural funding from other sources, whichever comes first.

The maximum amount for individual grants is $75,000 per year, or the amount requested in the most recent peer-reviewed extramural grant application, whichever is less. Only grant applications to federal or other funding agencies with rigorous peer review (e.g. NIH, NSF, AHA) will be considered. In rare instances, the Committee will consider waiving the limit when costs exceed $75,000.

If extramural funding is not obtained after one year, the PI may reapply for one additional year of bridge funding. After two years of funding, the PI may not reapply without first obtaining a waiver from the Vice President for Research. In this case, the PI must be able to provide evidence that he/she has made a good faith effort to re-establish funding.

Application Content Requirements:
• Cover letter clearly indicating faculty status and detailing PI funding (including dollar amounts for direct costs) and publication history for the last five years, current balances in all internal accounts (DDFS, IDA), details of current financial needs (budget form from Intramural Research Grant application), and a description of attempts to re-establish funding.
• Completed Bridge Grant Application Form, obtained from the Research Development Office or http://www.upstate.edu/researchadmin/sponsored_programs/funding/intramural.php.
• Letter from faculty member’s Department Chairman describing departmental commitment for PI research (including but not limited to, indication of independent research space allocation and location, dollar amounts provided, personnel support and/or in-kind support).
• Copy of reviewer comments ("pink sheets"), if available, from the PI’s most recent and relevant peer reviewed grant application that was not funded, along with PI response to the criticisms. If "pink sheets" are not available, additional information, including a copy of the extramural grant application or a completed Intramural Pilot Research grant application, may be requested.
• An NIH biosketch or curriculum vitae.
• NOTE: Applicant need not submit a copy of the extramural research proposal unless requested to do so by the Committee.

How to Apply:
• Obtain application forms at http://www.upstate.edu/researchadmin/sponsored_programs/funding/intramural.php
• Please submit an electronic file to keoughk@upstate.edu.

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