



## 2013-14 Intramural Grants

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FACULTY INVESTIGATOR BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM

The Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) has established a Bridge Funding Program for UNTHSC Faculty investigators. Bridge funding is intended to provide temporary support to continue operations of faculty investigators whose extramural funding has recently ended. This program provides matching funds from the VPR office. Faculty Investigators are eligible for bridge funding if one of the two situations apply, as defined below. Note that in general, because federal awards with the full indirect cost rate provide much of the funding pool for this program, applications bridging similar awards (i.e., with a full indirect cost rate) will be prioritized. **This program does not provide funds for faculty salary support. However the Provost's Office is developing a separate Faculty Salary Bridge Funding Program.**

#### Category 1 eligibility

- Category 1 eligibility for bridge funding: Individuals whose NIH competitive renewal application was not funded. Additionally, individuals with recurring research awards from other agencies are also eligible providing all other criteria are met. Career Development Awards and administrative components of program project or center grants are not qualifying awards for this program.
- The principal investigator (bridge funding applicant) must have submitted a competitive renewal application that was discussed and received a priority score in study section review and must have at least one resubmission opportunity available. (Per NIH policy, no later than 37 months after initial date of receipt.)

#### Category 2 eligibility

- Category 2 eligibility for bridge funding: Individuals for which funding from one extramural grant has ended, and who have a new extramural grant starting but only after some gap period. These individuals are only eligible if a notice of grant award for the upcoming grant has been received. Preference will be given to NIH or other federal research awards; non-federal extramural funding sources will be considered providing all other criteria are met.

#### **General Guidelines and Restrictions (applicable to both Category 1 and 2 eligibility):**

- The applicant's school and/or department and/or center/institute must provide a cumulative 1:1 match. These matching funds should be used as the first source of bridge funding.
- The maximum amount of funds that will be made available from the VPR office will be \$25,000 per award application cycle. If extramural grant funds (for the requested project) become available to the PI during the bridge funding period, any remaining Bridge funds will be returned to the VPR office.
- Bridge funding support from the VPR office for any one project shall not exceed \$50,000 (e.g., Category 1 applicants may be eligible for two rounds of bridge funding).
- Bridge funding from the VPR office may not be used to support the PI's salary. Up to 50% of matching funds may be used to support PI salary, if so designated by the provider(s) of the matching funds.
- Allowable expenditures include funding of technical staff, students and postdocs, and laboratory supplies. Travel **specifically required** for the project is also acceptable (but not travel to a scientific meeting). Purchase of capital equipment is prohibited.

The Review Panel will be composed of UNTHSC faculty with input from external reviewers as needed. Reviewers involved in any of the submitted proposals, or members with conflicts will recuse themselves from discussion of that proposal. Members of the Review Panel will be appointed by the Vice President of Research & Innovation. Members of the panel will be chosen in relation to their expertise and relevance to the research areas encompassed by the submitted proposals.

- As the total pool of available bridge funds is limited, fulfilling all the above criteria does not ensure that all applicants will receive bridge funding. In the event funds are not available to cover all bridge funding requests

within a cycle, the Review Panel will recommend priority for funding. The Vice President for Research will make final funding decisions.

**KEY DATES:**

- Application Due: 8 AM on September 9
- Award Notification: To be determined
- Award Period: 12 months

**Submission Deadline:**

**Only electronically submitted proposals in Adobe pdf format will be accepted.** The Lead Principal Investigator must email the proposal to Susan Harlin, [Susan.Harlin@unthsc.edu](mailto:Susan.Harlin@unthsc.edu). Proposals must be received by 8 AM on September 9. An email confirming receipt of your proposal will be sent to the submitting PI only.

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<b>Date of application:</b>	
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	
<b>Other collaborators:</b>	
<b>Title of proposal:</b>	
<b>Name of agency most recently submitted to:</b>	
<b>Date most recently submitted:</b>	
<b>Amount of bridge funding requested from VPR:</b>	
<b>Amount of funds provided by Dept Chair, Institute Head or Dean</b>	
<b>Approval of Department Chair (if applicable):</b>	(signature*)
<b>Approval Institute Head (if applicable):</b>	(signature*)
<b>Approval of Dean:</b>	(signature*)
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	(signature)

***\*your signature confirms your review and support of this proposal, and your commitment to provide matching funds as specified in the detailed budget of the associated application***

**Required Application Components (electronic pdf format only):**

- above cover page with signatures and current biosketch
- budget, specific aims, and background and significance from most recent submission
- all summary statements from the most recent submission
- one page statement from the PI with other information that strengthens the case for bridge funding
- detailed budget: this must list source of matching funds, and must detail a plan for the use of all available bridge funds

**For repeat bridge fund applicants** (i.e., those who have already received one round of bridge funding), the following must also be included:

- a description of progress to date
- a full list of publications and presentations authored or co-authored by the applicant during the previous six month period
- a complete summary of expenses charged against the bridge funding provided to date
- copies of all grant submissions and summary statements during the previous six month period

**THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO [Susan.Harlin@unthsc.edu](mailto:Susan.Harlin@unthsc.edu) by 8 AM on September 9. An email confirming receipt of your proposal will be sent to the submitting PI only.**