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 maximum award for Bridge Funding will not exceed $5,000/month for 12 months ($60,000 total). Requests for less than this amount will be viewed favorably. 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 are considered at any time on case by case basis.

Application Process: Submit the following documents in a single pdf to pba@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.
- 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 abbreviated CV, including all past research support.
- Proposed budget for bridge funding support.
- A copy of the entire pending grant application. If this document file is large it can be submitted separately.

Review and Selection Process:

- Past research productivity of the applicant.
- Likelihood that the pending application will be funded upon resubmission.

- Priority/percentile score of the first submission.
- Scientific soundness of the proposed research project.
- 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.
- Support of Unit Head.

Terms of Award:
- Bridge Funding is intended for salary support of laboratory 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 will be withdrawn and a written explanation will be required.
- Bridge funding support will be terminated if the applicant receives major external funding on another project from any source (e.g., NSF, NIH, USDA, NASA, DOD, DOE, etc) during the bridge funding period.